

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF RYE

NEW HAMPSHIRE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31
2002



ON THE COVER: **THE AWCOMIN MARSH RESTORATION**
A Rye Conservation Commission Project

Against a background of invasive phragmites, symbol of a dying marsh,
and the removal of spoils dredged from Rye Harbor in 1941 and 1962:

- (left to right) - Conservation Commission Chairman Jim Raynes explains
the project to Board of Selectmen Chair Mel Low,
- proper tidal flow is restored via creation of new streams,
- and stakes indicate an area replanted with bare root stock
seedlings of native marsh grasses by 8th grade students as
a community service through Corp Explorer under the
direction of Dave Burdick of the UNH Jackson Lab.

COVER DESIGN/EDITOR: Priscilla V. Jenness



To the inhabitants of the Town of Rye, in the County of Rockingham and in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Rye Elementary School in said Rye on Tuesday, the 11th of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the evening for voting by official ballot on all issues before the Town of Rye under RSA 40:13.

As required under Senate Bill 2, the Deliberative Session was held on Saturday, February 01, 2003 at 9:00 AM at the Rye Junior High to review and amend the 2003 Town Warrant.

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In Memoriam

Richard H. Porter **1923 – 2002**

Born in Fitchburg, MA in 1923, Richard (Dick) Porter was graduated from Lunenburg, MA High School in 1941 and later Northeastern University. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the South Pacific with the 1884th Engineering Aviation Battalion of the U.S. Army.

He worked 37 years for Turner Construction Company of New York City before retiring to Rye in 1988.

Here Dick became very involved with church and community projects serving as project manager for the recently built Bethany Church. Many others recall that for 9 years he was co-chairman, along with Al Harper, of the Travel Committee of the Over 55 Club.

In 1998, Dick became a member of the original planning committee investigating and documenting need for a new Fire Station. Following the death of Fire Chief Bruce Walker, this committee reorganized. Dick Porter remained on the committee, contributing his knowledge and expertise until illness prevented further participation. His counsel and guidance are missed. He leaves his wife of 50 years, one daughter, one son and their families.



John J. Facella **1933 - 2002**



The Rye Board of Adjustment lost a dedicated, reliable and conscientious member on September first with the sudden death of John Facella.

Born in Lawrence, Massachusetts and educated in Lawrence schools, he later graduated from Fitchburg State College with a degree in special education.

John worked on the first Apollo space mission while employed at AVCO and later devoted 23 years to teaching in Haverhill, Mass. at the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School.

At the time of his death, he was employed as a research and development machinist.

John was a veteran of the United State Navy, serving as an aircraft engine mechanic and he received numerous service medals. Pride in serving his country and his Sicilian ancestry were exceeded only by love of family. He is survived by his wife, Sheila, one son, four daughters including Mary Lou Arcidi of Rye Beach two step daughters, and their families.

In Memoriam

Carol S. Beckwith ***1937 – 2002***



Born in Boston in 1937, Carol Beckwith graduated from Melrose High School, Class of 1955, and attended Boston University. Her husband of 41 years, John (Jack) Beckwith, their sons, Geoffrey and Derek, and their families were the focus of her life. She also found time for many interests which included political activity, civic affairs, writing and editing. Friends recall that she never hesitated to take a courageous stand on matters where she perceived an injustice.

Carol took great pride in her work with the Reading, Mass. Library as a member of the Board of Trustees and member of The Reading Library Building Committee while living there.

After vacationing in Rye for 25 years, Carol and Jack became Rye residents in 1994. From then on, Carol devoted her time, boundless energy, and enthusiasm to our town, assisting in the information campaign for the Rye Junior High School expansion and by serving as a supervisor of the checklist. You are most familiar with her work if you have read and enjoyed our Rye Town Newsletter produced by Carol and Jack. She is greatly missed.

John E. Johnston ***1910 – 2002***

Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, John Johnston came to Rye from Needham, Ma when the Macallen Co.Inc., for whom he worked, moved to Newmarket. At retirement, he was executive vice president, treasurer and general manager of Macallen and general manager of two Chicago subsidiaries.

The Johnston family moved into the Blake Rand house at the corner of Lang Road in 1951 and John soon became a member of the Historic District Commission. A graduate of Bentley College of Accounting, he served Rye as Chairman of the Budget Committee for 10 years and was both Town and School District Auditor during this period. He participated in Boy Scout fund raising and was an incorporator of the Portsmouth Hospital Corporation.

During WWII, John held the rank of chief petty officer U.S. Coast Guard later senior vice commander Coast Guard Auxiliary. An avid ham radio operator, he participated in MARS, communication network of the U.S.Army.

John was known for devotion to family and church. He was predeceased by his wife, Emma, and leaves six children, including Ian Johnston of Rye, and their families.



In Memoriam

Norman C. Dennehy 1936 – 2002

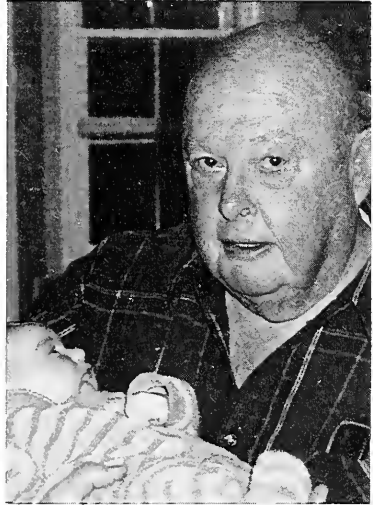
Norman Dennehy of Marion, MA, formerly of Rye, died suddenly on December 28, 2002

Norman grew up in Massachusetts, graduating from Tabor Academy in 1955. He served four years in the U.S. Navy as a hospital corpsman. In 1961 he graduated from Stockbridge School of Agriculture, University of Massachusetts (Amherst) with an Associate's Degree in Turf Management.

Following positions in the Bahamas, Missouri, New Jersey and Mass., he was employed as golf course superintendent by the Abenaki Country Club in Rye Beach.

After settling in Rye, Norman served as cubmaster for Pack 183 at the time his sons Michael, Patrick, and Timothy were growing up. He was also an EMT for the Rye Volunteer Ambulance Corps for seven years and was a CPR instructor during the same period of time.

He was a Class A member of the Golf Course Superintendents Assoc. of America and past president of the N.H. Golf Course Superintendents Assoc. Norman and his wife, Carole, had relocated to Marion just one year ago.



MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVATION 2002



Under the auspices of the Rye Recreation Department and with Jim Cullen coordinating the program, observance of Memorial Day, 2002, was held at the Central Cemetery. The date for the coming year has been set for 9 a.m. on April 26, 2003.

DEDICATION

IN RECOGNITION OF THOSE WHO VOLUNTEER

The Annual Report of the Town of Rye 2002 is dedicated to Rye's **volunteers**, past and present, who have generously given of themselves in diverse ways to protect, preserve, and enhance our community and make life here unique and special.

From the School Board member at the turn of the last century, who not only hired the teacher but also supplied wood for the stove in each one room schoolhouse, to the volunteers of today like Andrew Doherty, who created and maintains the Rye web site, individuals have found opportunities for community service which have evolved and expanded over time.

In the mid 1900's, our fire truck was housed in a garage at the Drake House in Rye Beach, home of Fire Chief Abbott Drake. As we moved to a central fire station location, an enhanced, truly volunteer fire department not only put out fires but also became the hub of social activity complete with auxiliary and annual field day. Today equipment and addition of the ambulance service, requiring highly technical training, have altered the once purely voluntary status of the department but call firemen are as needed as ever to keep response time to a minimum.

Most residents are at least aware of those who volunteer to serve on our numerous boards, commissions, and committees with terms of one, two, or three years and well defined responsibilities. Hundreds more, 100 volunteers at the Library alone, provide volunteer hours to our schools, assist the Historical Society with preservation of our past, take on beautification projects through the Rye Driftwood Garden Club, and work on service projects through the Rye Lions and other service organizations. Still others volunteer to work with youth sports programs and with people of all ages through our Rye Recreation Program. Most recently, volunteers have come forward as drivers willing to initiate the weekly shopping trips for seniors.

At times, individuals have filled a particular void as did Louise Tallman when she carefully documented the remaining burial grounds scattered throughout the town. We are fortunate to have volunteers capable of assisting senior citizens with preparation of their taxes. Others come forward to serve on ad hoc or sub committees. Currently the Open Space Committee, a sub committee of the Conservation Commission, is focused on preservation and smart use of open space, a precious and threatened characteristic of our town. Meanwhile, the Safety Facility Planning Committee is culminating a three-year effort to bring forward a proposal that will garner support for that endeavor.

Taken as a whole, this picture is mind boggling with volunteers too numerous to thank individually and time freely given too great to be catalogued here. We are all the beneficiaries of the volunteer contributions of others. Gone are the days when Little League coaches graded and seeded the field by hand and mowed before each game and the Firemen's Auxiliary held public suppers to raise money for fire fighting equipment, but opportunities to share your areas of expertise with fellow townspeople still abound and your participation is welcomed. One thing is certain; volunteer spirit is alive and well in Rye and is hereby recognized by a grateful community.

REMEMBER WHEN THE HEADLINES READ, “TWO LADIES OF RYE THWART PIPELINE PLANS” ?

Publick Occurrences, March 1, 1974

The year was 1974 and Olympic Refineries, Inc. presented a proposal for an oil refinery in Durham that included the taking of Lunging Island (Isles of Shoals) for an offshore deep water supertanker facility and a pipeline running through Rye on its way to Durham. Omitted was any mention of satellite industries and attendant petrochemical industries. Despite local objections that included an Army Corps of Engineers study, an army of Olympic attorneys and representatives pursued their goal with the support of Governor Meldrim Thompson and Congressman Louis Wyman.

When all was said and done, it was two elderly Rye sisters, Frances Tucker and Bernice Remick, who saved Rye for all of us by resisting repeated offers to buy their 55 acre farm on Brackett Road, which was directly in the path of the proposed pipeline.

Fiercely independent, the two (along with an elder sister who did not share ownership) lived amid Victorian surroundings, knick-knacks, family photographs and their cats. Rapidly escalating offers and pressure from numerous real estate agents could not persuade them to abandon their family homestead and simple way of life.

“What would we do with all that money?” was Mrs. Tucker reply to an offer of \$200,000”. When asked what their response would be to an offer of a million she said, “That would be even worse!” They expressed concern for the fishing industry and were later quoted as saying of Olympic, “They just can’t have it”.



Mrs. Tucker (r) said that she and her sister were approached again “about a month ago,” this time by George Pappademas, the Nashua realtor. Mrs. Tucker said she refused to let him in the house, even though he “had already taken off his rubbers.”

Publick Occurrences, March 1, 1974

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NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Concord, NH 03301
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(Washington Office)
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Governor Craig Benson

State House
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301
603-271-2121

Executive Councilor Ruth L. Griffin

479 Richards Avenue
Portsmouth, NH 03801
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New Castle, NH 03854
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Representative Jane S. Langley

33 Grey Court
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Representative Daniel M. Hughes

5 Beach Hill
Post Office Box 334
New Castle, NH 03854
603-436-5003

*****TOWN OFFICIALS*****
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

MODERATOR

(2-year term)

Daniel C. Hoefle	2004
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SELECTMEN

(3-year term)

Melvin R. Low	2003
Priscilla V. Jenness	2004
Joseph G. Mills, Jr.	2005

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

(3-year term)

Jane E. Ireland	2003
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TREASURER

(3-year term)

Barbara J. Flynn	2003
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CEMETERY TRUSTEES

(3-year term)

John W. Patrick	2003
Robin Hughes	2004
Roger O. Philbrick	2005

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

(6-year term)

Vacancy (Carol Beckwith deceased)	2004
Norman H. Yeaton	2006
Madeline Chichester	2008

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

(3-year term)

David S. Brown	2003
Victor D. Azzi	2004
Kerry Cronin	2005

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

(3-year term)

Priscilla Patrick	2003
Andrew J. Mahoney	2004
Jeffrey M. Balboni	2005

BUDGET COMMITTEE

(3-year term)

Douglas Abrams	2003
William Zechel	2003
John W. Moynahan	2004
John B. Tobey	2004
R. J. Lincoln	2005
Paula Snyder	2005
Joseph G. Mills, Jr. (Selectmen's Representative)	2005

PLANNING BOARD

(3-year term)

Priscilla Patrick	2003
Robert T. Brown	2003
Robert T. Papp	2004
John P. Loring, Jr.	2004
Vacancy (James Irish resigned)	2005
Kimberly M. Reed	2005
Priscilla V. Jenness (Selectmen's Representative)	2004

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

(3-year term)

Benjamin T. King	2003
Jay Nadeau (replaced John J. Facella, who died)	2003
Raymond Jarvis (replaced David Wajda, who resigned)	2004
Betty Menson	2005
Frank Drake	2005

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Nancy E. Merriman	2003
Elizabeth Wentzell	2003
Eleanor Stewart	2004
Paula Merritt	2004
Jane Holway	2005
Mark Josephs	2005
Melvin R. Low (Selectmen's Representative)	2003

BEACH COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Tim Sanborn	2003
John Iafolla	2004
E. Scott McQuade	2005

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Jeffrey Gardner	2003
Paula Mahoney	2003
Robin Hughes	2004
Debbie Taylor	2004
Louise Tallman	2005
James Raynes	2005

RECREATION COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Steve McBride	2003
R. M. "Chick" Hayden	2003
Gregg Mikolaities	2004
Victoria R. Loring	2004
Paul Mackey	2004
Stephen J. King	2005
Harold M. Hoefle	2005

MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION

(3-year term)

Richard F. Curry	2003
Melvin R. Low (Selectmen's Representative)	2003
Thomas Aspinwall	2005

SEWER COMMISSION

(3-year term)

William Ladrie	2003
Leon H. Valley	2004
David Kohlhasse	2005

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

(2-year term)

Jane S. Langley (Rye)	2004
Daniel Hughes (New Castle)	2004

RYE WATER DISTRICT

(3-year term)

Peter P. Mullaly	2003
Joseph Vozella	2004
Joseph Kenney	2005

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Earl A. Rinker, III

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Susan M. Zarlengo, Building/Planning/Zoning Dept.

HEALTH OFFICER

Gail A. Snow, M.D.

CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

Edward J. Ireland

LIBRARIAN

Sherry Evans

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Mark N. Zartarian

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Paula Snyder

FINANCE/BENEFITS ADMINISTRATOR

Grace E. Collette

POLICE CHIEF

Alan Gould

FIRE CHIEF

Leon C. Blaisdell

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Everett "Bud" Jordan

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Leon C. Blaisdell

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Lee Arthur, Recreation Director

Jessica Dickey, Program Director

HARBOR MASTER

Leo Axtin

TOWN HALL STAFF

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Nancy Weiland, Executive Secretary

Beatrice Marconi, Assessing Clerk

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Tina Lear, Administrative Assistant to Sewer Commission

Walter Parenteau, Clerk of the Works, Sewer Commission

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Elizabeth M. Yeaton, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Phyllis Lundgren, Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector

BUILDING/PLANNING/ZONING OFFICE

John F. Elsdon, Planning/Zoning Administrator

Susan Dunfey, Building/Planning/Zoning Assistant

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

A survey of the events and important issues of 2002 finds the State Education Property Tax referenced, often in headlines, in every issue of our Town Newsletter and in the minutes of nearly every Selectmen's meeting. It remains the overriding concern and repercussions of this unfairly distributed tax burden that has town pitted against town will continue until the "donor town" concept is resolved. In 2002, Windham (with a median household income of \$94,794, highest in the State according to the 2000 census) was not a donor town. On the other hand, Lincoln, ranked lowest of our 234 communities in median household income at \$28,523, became a donor this year. The Rye median household income ranks 33 and many here are suffering.

Our efforts to correct the oversight in the original hardship legislation, affecting Rye adversely due to revaluation, were successful but eligible applicants received only 1/3 of the amount previously allowed. More than 5 days were necessary to complete abatement hearings of 170 taxpayers. Some properties were revisited, some adjustments in valuation were made and some denied. Two court cases resulted and are unresolved at this writing. The \$400,000 set aside in anticipation of abatements was not exceeded. The bottom line: In 2003, we are scheduled to send \$3,784,901 to the State, a 19% increase (\$605,947) over this year. By 2004, 60% of all NH communities either will be receiving less or will have become donor towns.

No new positions were created during 2002 but our office has been advised by the DRA (Dept. of Revenue Administration) that additional assistance in the Assessor's Office will be necessary in order to avoid a complete revaluation at the time of our review under the new State Tax Standards Board. Our Town Administrator has been researching the possibility of a shared position with North Hampton as they find themselves in a comparable position.

Finance Administrator Cindi Gillespie resigned effective August 30 which coincided with initiation of the 2003 budget preparation process. Our new Finance Administrator, Grace Collette, was thrust immediately into this exceedingly busy time while she simultaneously familiarized herself with systems, accounts, and situations particular to Rye.

The search for cell tower sites continues. Our goal includes a desire to place towers on land that will produce income for the Town. Meanwhile, the Safety Facility Committee has also been searching. They have worked diligently to bring a site proposal and conceptual plan to you in March of '03. We met with Gary Dodds and Victor Azzi numerous times as various sites were researched and proposed. Most ended with hopes dashed. The Govoni property, adjacent to the existing fire station, offers a unique opportunity to voters on March 11, 2003.

Many positive things occurred during the year. We appointed an Open Space Committee as a sub committee of the Conservation Commission to study and recommend proposals to balance/control growth and preserve open space. The build out study produced by this committee is the basis for an article to be placed on the '03 warrant that will provide the means to protect our open space through easement purchase or conservation acquisition.

On July 6, 2002 our Town Museum opened. Our plan was to deed the building to the Historical Society, in keeping with the understanding when it was moved there. In order to "cross all the t's and dot all the i's", we will ask you to affirm this transaction by ballot in March '03. The Historical Society is willing to assume responsibility for the building. It has raised and expended in excess of \$70,000 to remodel and prepare this special place as a

repository of Rye's past. The article states that in the event that the building is no longer used as a museum, it reverts to town ownership.

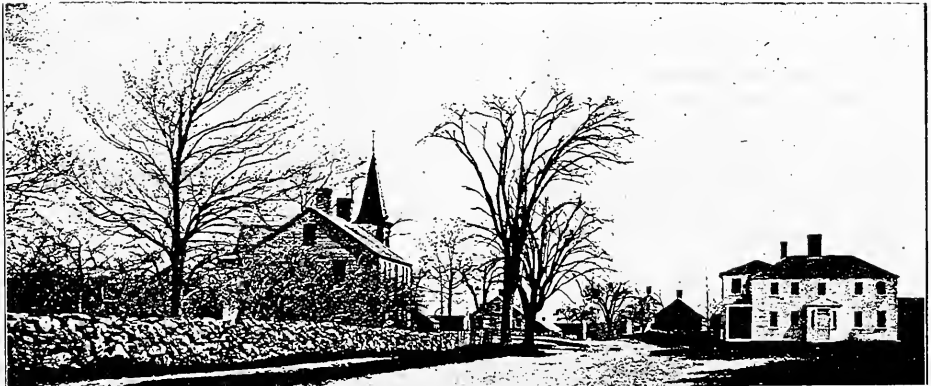
Tax problems aside, the year has been productive and positive thanks to the work ethic of our Town employees and those who volunteer their time, effort and expertise. This is nothing new; it's why we are what we are.

Respectfully submitted,

Melvin R. Low, Chairman

Priscilla V. Jenness, Vice Chairman

Joseph G. Mills, Selectman



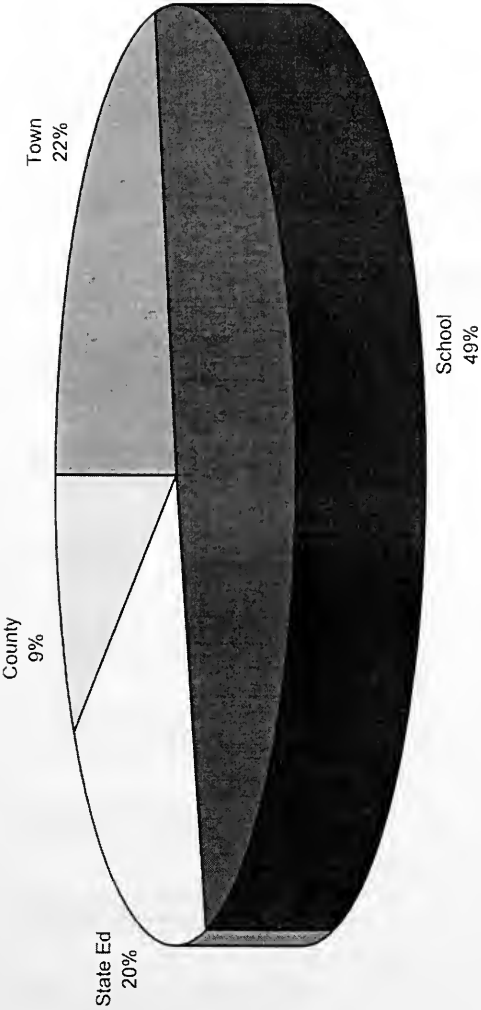
Rye Center, looking easterly, in 1899 with a walking path clearly visible in front of the stone wall on the left, site of our Library. The steeple of the Christian Church, commonly known as "the Brown Church", marks the location of our current Fire Station.



Rye Center, looking westerly, in 1899: If our vision of Rye's future is to stay true to our past, we must bear in mind that (with the exception of the Carriage Trade summer influx of wealthy visitors to our shores) Rye was rural and agricultural, her settlement scattered, and her citizens independent, hard working and practical.

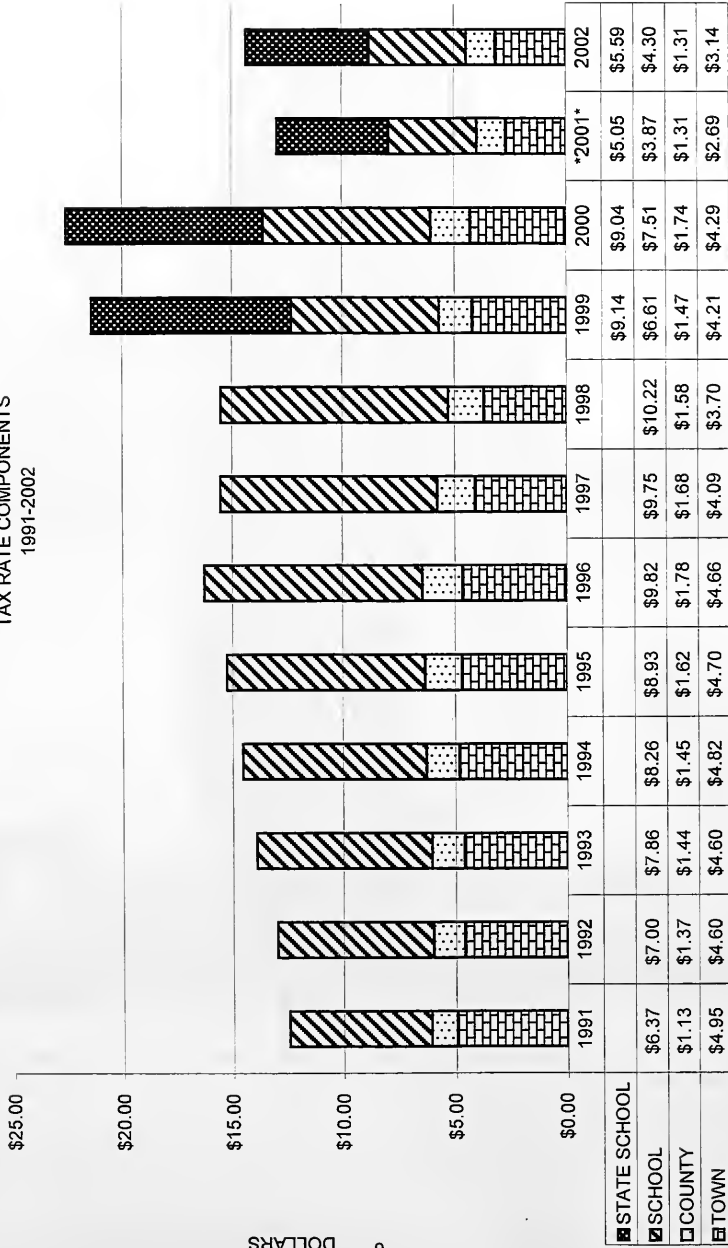
Photographs taken in 1889 from the Town Common in front of what is known today as the Congregational Church: L.B. Parsons, *History of Rye, N.H. 1623-1903 (1905)*

2002 Rye Property Tax Rates



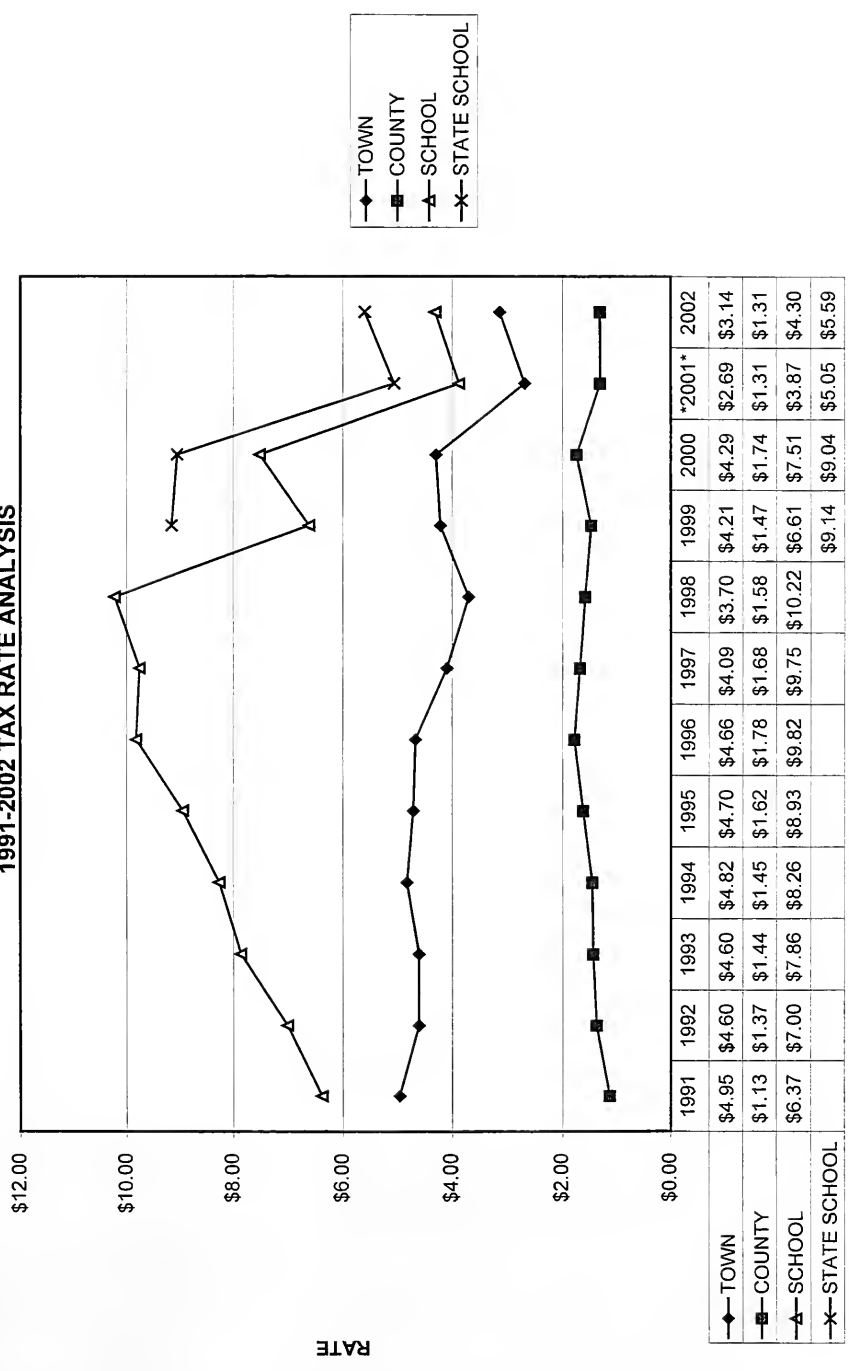
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TOWN OF RYE, NH
TAX RATE COMPONENTS
1991-2002



*2001 Tax Rate Reflects Town Revaluation

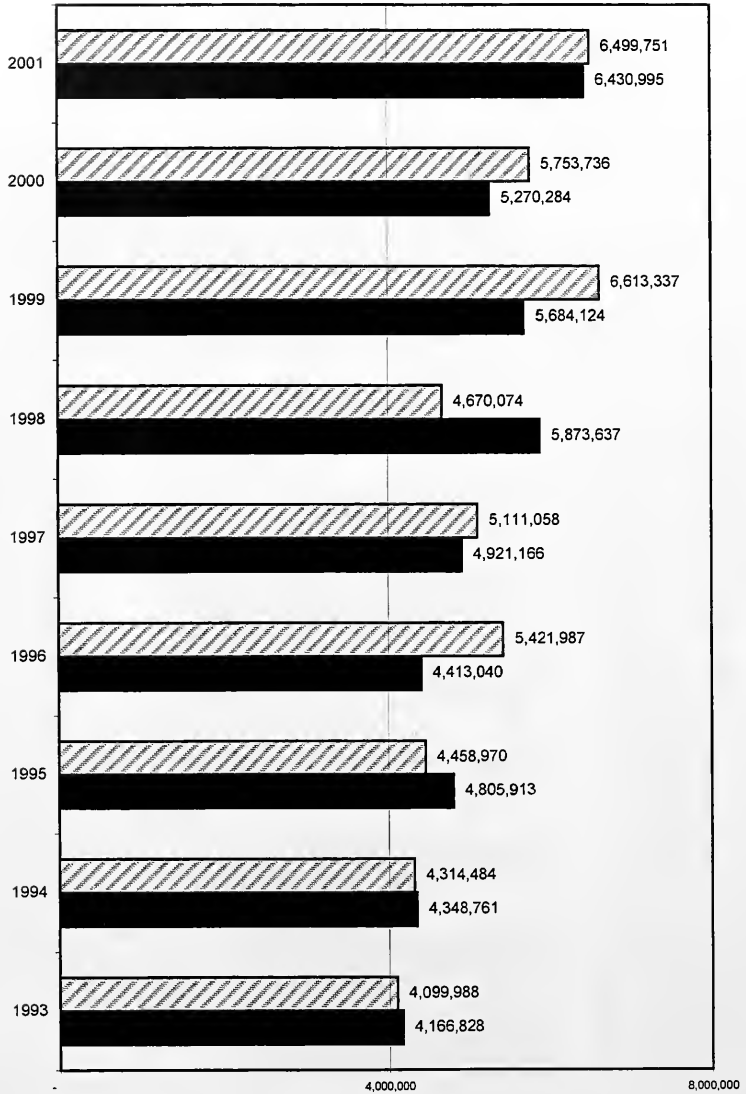
TOWN OF RYE, NH 1991-2002 TAX RATE ANALYSIS



YEARS

*2001 Tax Rate Reflects Town Revaluation

Town of Rye, NH - Revenue and Expenditures 1993-2001



■ Expenditures & Other Financing Uses ■ Revenues & Other Financing Sources

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Finance Bureau
2002 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN/CITY: Rye

Gross Appropriations	6,229,999
Less: Revenues	3,102,743
Less: Shared Revenues	19,174
Add: Overlay	306,869
War Service Credits	61,350

Net Town Appropriation	3,476,301
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	3,476,301
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TOWN RATE
3.14

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	7,719,785
Regional School Apportionment	0
Less: Adequate Education Grant	0
State Education Taxes	(2,964,617)

Approved School(s) Tax Effort	4,755,168
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LOCAL SCHOOL RATE
4.30

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	\$5.80	
1,059,236,332		6,143,571
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		
1,099,222,020		
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State		
Pay to State →	3,178,954	

STATE SCHOOL RATE
5.59

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	1,450,079
Less: Shared Revenues	(6,747)

Approved County Tax Effort	1,443,332
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COUNTY RATE
1.31

TOTAL RATE
14.34

Total Property Taxes Assessed	15,818,372
Less: War Service Credits	(61,350)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	644,312
Total Property Tax Commitment	16,401,334

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities) 1,099,222,020	5.59	6,143,571
All Other Taxes 1,105,568,220	8.75	9,674,801
		15,818,372

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
P. O. BOX 487
CONCORD, NH 03302-0487

For assistance call: (603) 271-2687

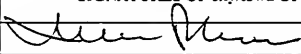
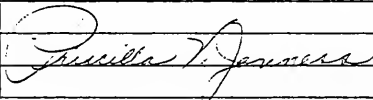
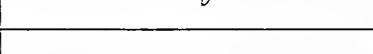
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Form MS-1 for 2002

CITY/TOWN of Rye IN Rockingham COUNTY

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information provided in this report was taken from the official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34

PRINT NAMES OF city/town OFFICIALS	SIGNATURES OF city/town OFFICIALS* (Sign in ink)
Melvin R. Low	
Joseph G. Mills, Jr.	
Priscilla V. Jenness	

Date Signed: October 21, 2002

*Check one: Selectmen ☒ Assessors ☐

City/Town TELEPHONE # 964-5523

Due date: September 1, 2002

Complete the above required certification by inserting the name of the city/town officials, the date on which the certificate is signed, and have the majority of the members of the board of selectmen/assessing officials sign in ink (RSA 41:15 & Rev. Rule 105.02).

REPORTS REQUIRED: RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon forms prescribed for that purpose.

NOTE: The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/town tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7. Please complete all applicable pages and refer to the instructions (pages 9 thru 12) provided for individual items.

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DRA NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1st TO AVOID LATE FILING PENALTIES. (RSA 21-J:34 & 36.)

RETURN THIS SIGNED AND COMPLETED INVENTORY FORM TO: NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION, MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU, PO BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487.

Contact Person: Earl A. Rinker, III
(Print/type)

Note office hours: M- F 8:00am - 4:30pm

See Instructions beginning on page 9 of this set as needed.

TOWN

LAND BUILDINGS	Lines 1 A, B, C, D & E List all improved and unimproved land - include wells, septic & paving. Lines 2 A, B, & C List all buildings.	NUMBER OF ACRES	2002 ASSESSED VALUATION By CITY/TOWN
1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY – Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B & 4			
A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (See Instruction # 1)		1578	\$ 404,700.00
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B			\$
C. Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C			\$
D. Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)		1429	\$ 571,488,900.00
E. Commercial/Industrial Land (DO NOT include Public Utility Land)		274	\$ 32,288,900.00
F. Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A + 1B + 1C + 1D + 1E)		3281	\$ 604,182,500.00
G. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land (\$ 45,962,400.00)		1240	
2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY – Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A & 3B			
A. Residential			\$ 477,944,600.00
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31			\$ 1,835,700.00
C. Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT Include Public Utility Buildings)			\$ 25,251,400.00
D. Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A + 2B + 2C)			\$ 505,031,700.00
E. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings (\$ 22,669,500.00)			
3. PUBLIC UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition)			
A. Public Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/dynamos/apparatus/poles/ wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines etc.)			\$ 6,346,200.00
B. Other Public Utilities (Total of Section B from Utility Summary)			\$
4. MATURE WOOD and TIMBER RSA 79:5			\$
5. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1F + 2D + 3A + 3B + 4) This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality.			\$ 1,115,560,400.00
6. Certain Disabled Veterans (Paraplegic and Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with V.A. Assistance) RSA 72:36 - a Total # <input type="text"/> granted			\$
7. Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37 - a Total # <input type="text"/> granted			\$
8. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 1V (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 for each) (See Instruction # 2) Total # <input type="text"/> granted			\$
9. Water and Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12 - a Total # <input type="text"/> granted			\$

10. MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Sum of Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8 & 9) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value for your municipality.		\$ 1,115,560,400.00
11. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	Total # <input type="text" value="6"/> granted Amount granted per exemption \$ _____	\$ 90,000.00
12. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a & b	Total # <input type="text" value="133"/> granted	\$ 9,889,600.00
13. Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	Total # <input type="text"/> granted Amount granted per exemption \$ _____	\$
14. Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$
15. Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62	Total # <input type="text" value="5"/> granted	\$ 12,580.00
16. Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$
17. Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23 IV (Amounts in excess of \$150,000 exemption)	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$
18. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum of Lines 11 thru 17)		\$ 9,992,180.00
19. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 10 minus Line 18)		\$ 1,105,568,220.00
20. Less Public Utilities (Line 3A) DO NOT include the value of OTHER public utilities listed in Line 3B.		\$ (6,346,200.00)
21. NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 19 minus Line 20)		\$ 1,099,222,020.00

UTILITY SUMMARY: ELECTRIC, GAS, OIL, PIPELINE, WATER & SEWER RSA 83-F

List by individual company/legal entity the valuation of operating plants employed in the production, distribution and transmission of electricity, gas pipeline, water and petroleum products. Include ONLY the names of the companies listed on the Instruction Sheets. (See Instruction # 3)

SECTION A: LIST ELECTRIC COMPANIES, GENERATING PLANTS, ETC.

(Attach additional sheet if needed.)

(See Instruction # 4)

2002**VALUATION**

North Atlantic Energy Service Corp.

\$ 204,300.00

Public Service Co. of NH

\$ 3,990,600.00

\$

\$

\$

A1. TOTAL OF ALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION

(See Instruction #4 for the names of the limited number of companies)

\$ 4,194,900.00

GAS, OIL & PIPELINE COMPANIES

\$

\$

\$

A2. TOTAL OF ALL GAS, OIL & PIPELINE COMPANIES LISTED.

(See Instructions #4 for the names of the limited number of companies)

\$

WATER & SEWER COMPANIES

Hampton Water Works

\$ 2,151,300.00

\$

\$

A3. TOTAL OF ALL WATER & SEWER COMPANIES LISTED.

(See Instructions #4 for the names of the limited number of companies)

\$ 2,151,300.00

GRAND TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL A UTILITY COMPANIES.

(Sum of Lines A1, A2, and A3)

This grand total of all sections must agree with the total listed on page 2, line 3A.

\$ 6,346,200.00

SECTION B: LIST OTHER UTILITY COMPANIES (Exclude telephone companies).

(Attach additional sheet if needed.)

(See Instruction # 5)

2002**VALUATION**

\$

\$

\$

\$

\$

TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION B.

(See Instruction # 5 for the names of the limited number of companies)

\$

TAX CREDITS	LIMITS	NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS	ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty. RSA 72:35	\$700 / \$1,400	13	\$ 18,200.00
Other war service credits. RSA 72:28	\$50 / \$100	432	\$ 43,150.00
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT		445	\$ 61,350.00

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS RSA 162-K (See page 11 for instructions)	TIF#1	TIF#2	TIF#3	TIF#4
Date of Adoption				
Original assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$
+ Unretained captured assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$
= Amounts used on page 2 (tax rates)	\$	\$	\$	\$
+ Retained captured assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$
Current assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$

LIST REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES <i>Amounts listed below should not be included in assessed valuation column on page 2.</i>	MUNICIPALITY	LIST SOURCE(S) OF PAYMENT In Lieu of Taxes
State and Federal Forest Land, Recreation, and/or Flood Control Land from MS-4, acct. 3356 & 3357.	\$	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$ 2500	Rannie Webster Foundation
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$	
Totals of account 3186	\$ 2500.	

ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:39-a

NO. OF FIRST TIME FILERS GRANTED ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR CURRENT YEAR		PER AGE CATEGORY	TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED AN ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR & TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXEMPTION GRANTED			
AGE	#	AMOUNT PER INDIVIDUAL	AGE	#	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE EXEMPTION AMOUNT	TOTAL ACTUAL EXEMPTION AMOUNT
65 - 74	9	\$ 60,000.00	65 - 74	49	\$ 2,940,000.00	\$ 2,940,000.00
75 - 79	10	\$ 75,000.00	75 - 79	33	\$ 2,475,000.00	\$ 2,475,000.00
80 +	12	\$ 90,000.00	80 +	51	\$ 4,474,600.00	\$ 4,474,600.00
			TOTAL	133	\$ 9,889,600.00	\$ 9,889,600.00

CURRENT USE REPORT - RSA 79-A

	TOTAL NO. ACRES RECEIVING CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS	TOTAL NO. OF ACRES
FARM LAND	354	\$ 4,100.00	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	62
FOREST LAND	392	\$ 1,300.00	REMOVED FROM CURRENT USE DURING CURRENT YEAR	
FOREST LAND with DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	18	\$		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	814	\$ 399,300		
WET LAND		\$		TOTAL NO.
TOTAL	1578	\$ 404,700.00	TOTAL NO. OF OWNERS IN C. U.	62
Must match page 2			TOTAL NO. OF PARCELS IN C. U.	69

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT REPORT - RSA 79-B

	TOTAL NO. ACRES RECEIVING CONS. RES. ASSESSMENTS	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT STATISTICS	TOTAL NO. OF ACRES
FARM LAND		\$	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	
FOREST LAND		\$	REMOVED FROM CONSERVATION RESTRICTION DURING CURRENT YEAR	
FOREST LAND with DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP		\$		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND		\$		
WET LAND		\$		TOTAL NO.
TOTAL		\$	TOTAL NO. OF OWNERS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	
Must match page 2			TOTAL NO. OF PARCELS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	

DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS - RSA 79-C

TOTAL NO. OF ACRES IN DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	TOTAL NO. OF OWNERS GRANTED DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS GRANTED: (i.e.: Golf Course, Ball Park, Race Track, etc.)
		1.
		2.
		3.
		4.

Village District: Jenness Beach Village District

LAND BUILDINGS	Lines 1 A, B, C, D & E List all improved and unimproved land - include wells, septic & paving. Lines 2 A, B, & C List all buildings.	NUMBER OF ACRES	2002 ASSESSED VALUATION By CITY/TOWN
1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B & 4 A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (See Instruction # 1)		34.08	\$ 3,800.00
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B			\$
C. Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C			\$
D. Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)		87.56	\$ 138,607,300.00
E. Commercial/Industrial Land (DO NOT include Public Utility Land)		.71	\$ 1,823,000.00
F. Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A + 1B + 1C + 1D + 1E)		122.35	\$ 140,434,100.00
G. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land (\$ 815,400.00)			
2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed on Lines 3A & 3B			\$ 81,192,400.00
A. Residential			\$
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31			\$
C. Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT Include Public Utility Buildings)			\$ 1,566,100.00
D. Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A + 2B + 2C)			\$ 82,758,500.00
E. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings (\$ 18,600.00)			
3. PUBLIC UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition) within District			\$
A. Public Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/dynamos/apparatus/poles/ wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines etc.)			\$
B. Other Public Utilities (From Sections B & C from Utility Summary)			\$
4. MATURE WOOD and TIMBER RSA 79:5			\$
5. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1F + 2D + 3A + 3B + 4) This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality.			\$ 223,192,600.00
6. Certain Disabled Veterans (Paraplegic and Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with V.A. Assistance) RSA 72:36 - a Total # <input type="checkbox"/> granted			\$
7. Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37 - a Total # <input type="checkbox"/> granted			\$
8. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 for each) (See Instruction # 2) Total # <input type="checkbox"/> granted			\$

9. Water and Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12 - a	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$
10. MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Sum of Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8 & 9) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value for your municipality.		\$ 223,192,600.00
11. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	Total # <input type="text"/> granted Amount granted per exemption \$ _____	\$ 15,000.00
12. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a & b	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$ 2,055,000.00
13. Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	Total # <input type="text"/> granted Amount granted per exemption \$ _____	\$
14. Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$
15. Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$
16. Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$
17. Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23 IV (Amounts in excess of \$150,000 exemption)	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$
18. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum of Lines 11 thru 17)		\$ 2,070,000.00
19. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR VILLAGE DISTRICT IS COMPUTED (Line 10 minus Line 18)		\$221,122,600.00

Village District:

Precinct 1

LAND BUILDINGS	Lines 1 A, B, C, D & E List all improved and unimproved land - include wells, septic & paving. Lines 2 A, B, & C List all buildings.	NUMBER OF ACRES	2002 ASSESSED VALUATION By CITY/TOWN
1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B & 4			
A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (See Instruction # 1)		214.1	\$ 37,500.00
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B			\$
C. Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C			\$
D. Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)		104.66	\$ 18,791,700.00
E. Commercial/Industrial Land (DO NOT include Public Utility Land)		27.09	\$ 4,935,000.00
F. Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A + 1B + 1C + 1D + 1E)		345.85	\$ 23,764,200.00
G. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land (\$ 38,804,000.00)			
2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed on Lines 3A & 3B			\$
A. Residential			18,128,700.00
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31			\$ 1,835,700.00
C. Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT Include Public Utility Buildings)			\$ 3,446,900.00
D. Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A + 2B + 2C)			\$ 23,411,300.00
E. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings (\$ 12,939,800.00)			
3. PUBLIC UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition) within District			\$
A. Public Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/dynamos/apparatus/poles/ wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines etc.)			\$
B. Other Public Utilities (From Sections B & C from Utility Summary)			\$
4. MATURE WOOD and TIMBER RSA 79:5			\$
5. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1F + 2D + 3A + 3B + 4) This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality.			\$ 47,175,500.00
6. Certain Disabled Veterans (Paraplegic and Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with V.A. Assistance) RSA 72:36 - a Total # <input type="text"/> granted			\$
7. Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37 - a Total # <input type="text"/> granted			\$
8. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 for each) (See Instruction # 2) Total # <input type="text"/> granted			\$

9. Water and Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12 - a	Total # <input type="checkbox"/> granted	\$
10. MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Sum of Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8 & 9) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value for your municipality.		\$ 47,175,500.00
11. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	Total # <input type="checkbox"/> granted Amount granted per exemption \$	\$
12. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a & b	Total # <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> granted	\$ 739,600.00
13. Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	Total # <input type="checkbox"/> granted Amount granted per exemption \$	\$
14. Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	Total # <input type="checkbox"/> granted	\$
15. Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62	Total # <input type="checkbox"/> granted	\$
16. Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	Total # <input type="checkbox"/> granted	\$
17. Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23 IV (Amounts in excess of \$150,000 exemption)	Total # <input type="checkbox"/> granted	\$
18. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum of Lines 11 thru 17)		\$ 739,600.00
19. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR VILLAGE DISTRICT IS COMPUTED (Line 10 minus Line 18)		\$ 46,435,900.00

Village District: Rye Water District

LAND BUILDINGS	Lines 1 A, B, C, D & E List all improved and unimproved land - include wells, septic & paving. Lines 2 A, B, & C List all buildings.	NUMBER OF ACRES	2002 ASSESSED VALUATION By CITY/TOWN
1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B & 4 A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (See Instruction # 1)		1291.99	\$ 359,600.00
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B			\$
C. Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C			\$
D. Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)		1140.37	\$ 350,217,200.00
E. Commercial/Industrial Land (DO NOT include Public Utility Land)		164.64	\$ 18,859,400.00
F. Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A + 1B + 1C + 1D + 1E)		2597.00	\$ 369,436,200.00
G. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land (\$ 3,299,900.00)			
2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed on Lines 3A & 3B			\$
A. Residential			309,511,300.00
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31			\$
C. Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT Include Public Utility Buildings)			\$ 15,681,500.00
D. Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A + 2B + 2C)			\$ 325,192,800.00
E. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings (\$ 8,474,200.00)			
3. PUBLIC UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition) within District			\$
A. Public Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/dynamos/apparatus/poles/ wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines etc.)			
B. Other Public Utilities (From Sections B & C from Utility Summary)			\$
4. MATURE WOOD and TIMBER RSA 79:5			\$
5. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1F + 2D + 3A + 3B + 4) This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality.			\$ 694,629,000.00
6. Certain Disabled Veterans (Paraplegic and Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with V.A. Assistance) RSA 72:36 - a Total # <input type="text"/> granted			\$
7. Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37 - a Total # <input type="text"/> granted			\$
8. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 for each) (See Instruction # 2) Total # <input type="text"/> granted			\$

9. Water and Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12 - a	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$
10. MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Sum of Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8 & 9) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value for your municipality.		\$ 694,629,000.00
11. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	Total # <input type="text"/> granted Amount granted per exemption \$	\$ 75,000.00
12. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a & b	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$ 6,840,000.00
13. Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	Total # <input type="text"/> granted Amount granted per exemption \$	\$
14. Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$
15. Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$ 12,580.00
16. Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$
17. Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23 IV (Amounts in excess of \$150,000 exemption)	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$
18. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum of Lines 11 thru 17)		\$ 6,927,580.00
19. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR VILLAGE DISTRICT IS COMPUTED (Line 10 minus Line 18)		\$ 687,701,420.00

Village District: Rye Beach Village District

LAND BUILDINGS	Lines 1 A, B, C, D & E List all improved and unimproved land - include wells, septic & paving. Lines 2 A, B, & C List all buildings.	NUMBER OF ACRES	2002 ASSESSED VALUATION By CITY/TOWN
1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B & 4			
A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (See Instruction # 1)		38.27	\$ 3,800.00
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B			\$
C. Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C			\$
D. Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)		97.09	\$ 63,872,700.00
E. Commercial/Industrial Land (DO NOT include Public Utility Land)		81.34	\$ 6,671,500.00
F. Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A + 1B + 1C + 1D + 1E)		216.70	\$ 70,548,000.00
G. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land (\$ 3,043,100.00)			
2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed on Lines 3A & 3B			
A. Residential			\$ 69,112,200.00
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31			\$
C. Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT Include Public Utility Buildings)			\$ 4,556,900.00
D. Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A + 2B + 2C)			\$ 73,669,100.00
E. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings (\$ 1,236,900.00)			
3. PUBLIC UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition) within District			
A. Public Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/dynamos/apparatus/poles/ wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines etc.)			\$
B. Other Public Utilities (From Sections B & C from Utility Summary)			\$
4. MATURE WOOD and TIMBER RSA 79:5			\$
5. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1F + 2D + 3A + 3B + 4) This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality.			\$ 144,217,100.00
6. Certain Disabled Veterans (Paraplegic and Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with V.A. Assistance) RSA 72:36 - a Total # <input type="checkbox"/> granted			\$
7. Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37 - a Total # <input type="checkbox"/> granted			\$
8. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 for each) (See Instruction # 2) Total # <input type="checkbox"/> granted			\$

9. Water and Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12 - a	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$
10. MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES <i>(Sum of Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8 & 9) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value for your municipality.</i>		\$ 144,217,100.00
11. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	Total # <input type="text"/> granted Amount granted per exemption \$ _____	\$
12. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a & b	Total # <input type="text" value="3"/> granted	\$ 255,000.00
13. Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	Total # <input type="text"/> granted Amount granted per exemption \$ _____	\$
14. Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$
15. Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$
16. Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$
17. Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23 IV <i>(Amounts in excess of \$150,000 exemption)</i>	Total # <input type="text"/> granted	\$
18. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS <i>(Sum of Lines 11 thru 17)</i>		\$ 255,000.00
19. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR VILLAGE DISTRICT IS COMPUTED <i>(Line 10 minus Line 18)</i>		\$143,962,100.00

**TOWN OF RYE EMPLOYEES
2002**

NAME	POSITION / DEPARTMENT	TOTAL WAGES	BASE WAGE	OVERTIME	OUTSIDE DETAIL **
Abrams, Douglas K.	Call Firefighter	\$ 467.00	\$ 467.00		
* Adams, Lee J.	Transfer Station Attendant	38,139.91	36,101.60	2,038.31	
Ambach, Kenneth	Lifeguard	4,130.00	4,130.00		
Anderson, Nicole M.	Librarian-Adult Service	10,218.01	10,218.01		
* Arthur, Lee C.	Recreation Director	44,438.80	44,438.80		
Bastarache, Lucinda A.	After School Counselor	7,388.64	7,388.64		
Beckwith, Carol S.	Supervisor of Checklist	450.00	450.00		
Blais, William	Police Special-Summer	7,610.60	5,684.58	\$	1,926.02
* Blaisdell, Leon C.	Fire Chief	52,866.80	52,866.80		
* Blaisdell, Scott R.	Patrolman	45,165.46	35,338.48	6,672.62	3,154.36
* Blanding, David M.	Patrolman	37,430.07	30,578.62	3,844.13	3,007.32
Boynton, Thomas L.	Police Special-Summer	162.00	-		162.00
* Bucklin, Alan E.	Transfer Station Attendant	33,118.90	30,992.15	2,126.75	
Buttenworth, Bruce M.	Lifeguard	4,464.00	4,464.00		
Byrne, Moran R.	Lifeguard	60.00	60.00		
Carline, Scott M.	Outside Duty Police	135.00	-		135.00
Chase, James M.	Custodian	11,783.19	11,783.19		
Chichester, Madelin L.	Supervisor of Checklist	450.00	450.00		
Christian, Jessica A.	Call EMT/Firefighter	110.50	110.50		
* Collette, Grace	Finance Administrator	11,395.49	11,395.49		
Cronin, Brian K	Lifeguard	4,935.00	4,935.00		
Dawley, Joan A.	Zoning and Planning Admin.	39,599.64	38,431.16	1,168.48	
* Dibartolomeo, Jeffrey M.	Firefighter	20,790.18	19,241.38	1,548.80	
* Dickey, Jessica J.	Director of Recreation Programs	34,585.70	34,585.70		
* Dodds, David A.	Highway Driver/Operator/Laborer	39,465.83	36,554.60	2,911.23	
Dodds, Gary B.	Call EMT/Firefighter	417.00	417.00		
Doherty, Juliette	Librarian-Youth Service	7,947.50	7,947.50		
Dresoner, Kimberly R.	Lifeguard	760.00	760.00		
* Duffett, Nicole M.	After School Counselor	16,093.40	16,093.40		
Dunfett, Susan	Planning/Building Secretary	13,135.43	13,135.43		
* Evans, Cheryl M.	Library Director	44,773.14	44,773.14		
Fessenden, Michael C.	Call Firefighter	741.25	741.25		
Fitzgerald, Jeremy T	Highway Driver/Operator/Laborer	3,282.00	3,264.00	18.00	
Flynn, Barbara J.	Treasurer	21,616.48	21,616.48		

NAME	POSITION / DEPARTMENT	TOTAL WAGES	BASE WAGE	OVERTIME	OUTSIDE DETAIL **
Gaherty, Benjamin S.	After School Counselor	3,028.88	3,028.88		
Garrity, Timothy P.	Police Special - Summer	7,028.75	5,303.79	183.36	1,541.60
Gaskell, Douglas G.	Cemetery Attendant	3,245.00	3,245.00		
Geddes, William J.	Lifeguard	4,464.00	4,464.00		
Gillespie, Cynthia L.	Finance & Benefits Administrator	37,586.50	35,087.87	2,498.63	
* Goff, Harriet A.	Police Dispatcher/Secretary	36,342.60	36,342.60		
Gould, Alan S.	Police Chief	59,060.35	59,060.35		
Heguy, Steve	Call EMT	12.00	12.00		
* Hill, Roy Lee	Highway Driver/Operator/Laborer	40,093.42	36,628.24	3,465.18	
Hoelle, Daniel	Moderator	200.00	200.00		
* Hordon, Ronald A.	Firefighter	45,670.11	35,826.63	9,627.48	216.00
Hyman, Benjamin	Police Special - Summer	2,386.25	2,386.25		
* Ireland, Edward J.	Cemetery Superintendent	57,378.92	57,378.92		
* Ireland, Jane E.	Tax Collector/Town Clerk/Tr Funds	46,632.13	46,632.13		
Jaquith, Robert L.	Recycling Center	89.25	89.25		
* Jautalkis, Pamela E.	Librarian-Adult Services	30,963.14	30,963.14		
* Jenness, Christopher	Highway Driver/Operator/Laborer	46,687.85	39,793.87	6,893.98	
Jenness, Priscilla	Selectman	4,042.00	4,042.00		
Jespersen, Sonja J.	After School Counselor	5,642.38	5,642.38		
* Jones, Martha G.	Librarian-Youth Department Assistant	28,515.22	28,515.22		
* Jordan Jr., Everett E.	Public Works Director	52,850.34	52,850.34		
Kendall, Gregory C.	Police Special/Animal Control Officer	13,625.90	11,512.04	183.36	1,930.50
Klein, Joshua L.	Call Firefighter	215.00	215.00		
* Kornechuk, David C.	Firefighter	52,766.63	40,850.74	11,483.89	432.00
Kouskoutis, Angela	Call Firefighter	20.00	20.00		216.00
Korontijis, Theodore A	Outside Duty Police	216.00	-		
Krespech, Judy M.	Call EMT	20.00	20.00		
Ladrie, Alan	Call Firefighter	524.00	524.00		
* Laing, Steven J.	Fire Lieutenant	63,932.83	44,600.52	19,332.31	
* LaJole, Jason M.	Firefighter	50,225.35	38,060.72	11,948.63	216.00
Lavigne, Amy R.	Call Firefighter	57.00	57.00		
Lear, Christina	Sewer Commission Secretary	4,310.00	4,310.00		
Lear, John C.	Call Firefighter	14,520.75	14,520.75		
Low, Jean	Election Worker	145.60	145.60		
Low, Melvin R.	Selectman	4,042.00	4,042.00		
Lundgren, Phyllis B.	Asst. Town Clerk/Tax Collector	6,648.57	6,648.57		

NAME	POSITION / DEPARTMENT	TOTAL WAGES	BASE WAGE	OVERTIME	OUTSIDE DETAIL**
Lyons, Katlin E.	Lifeguard	2,640.00	2,640.00		
* MacDonald, Sharon L.	Librarian-Director of Youth Services	35,533.70	35,533.70		
* Marconi, Beatrice A.	Assessing Clerk	33,026.59	32,037.28	989.31	
Mc Avey, Jack F.	Lifeguard	672.00	672.00		
Meehan, Katherine M.	Call Firefighter	40,654.97	32,574.16	7,540.81	540.00
Metalious, Stefanie R.	Library Page	645.68	645.68		
* Millett, Frederick	Highway Driver/Operator/Laborer	45,470.21	42,692.00	2,778.21	
Mills Jr., Joseph G.	Selectman	4,042.00	4,042.00		
* Mirushi, Alexander K.	Patrolman	39,519.77	32,574.40	3,688.53	3,256.84
Mill, David J	Lifeguard	4,396.75	4,396.75		
Morrison, Lindsay B.	After School Counselor	2,560.76	2,560.76		
* Moynahan, Kenneth J.	Firefighter	30,415.52	29,992.32	423.20	
Mulvey, Breanne J	Recreation Summer Counselor	169.13	169.13		
Nadeau, Gail C.	Election Worker	140.45	140.45		
Nickerson, Brian W.	Call EMT/Firefighter	625.00	625.00		
Nolette, Brenda J	Librarian	2,031.18	2,031.18		
Oliveira, Michael J	Outside Duty Police	108.00	-		108.00
Olson, Constance M.	Election Worker	219.20	219.20		
Orestis, Nikolaos	Call Firefighter	13,161.30	11,267.21	1,894.09	
* Paradis Jr., Paul H.	Highway Fleet Mechanic	43,641.79	40,757.60	2,884.19	
Paradis, Amanda D.	Recreation Summer Counselor	7,154.14	7,154.14		
Paradis, Paul T.	After School Counselor	102.50	102.50		
Parenteau Sr., Walter J.	Sewer, Clerk of Works	12,181.17	12,181.17		
Patrick, John W.	Election Worker	208.70	208.70		
* Peirce, Jeffrey T.	Patrolman	61,348.36	42,884.28	10,259.76	8,204.32
Philbrick, Alden W.	Call Firefighter	561.00	561.00		
Pleck, Michael L.	Lifeguard	6,840.00	6,840.00		
Pollock, Evan N.	Call Firefighter	1,380.00	1,380.00		
* Porciello, Heather J.	Patrolman	38,786.14	33,601.20	3,929.44	
Pridham, David J.	Police Special	108.00	-		
* Quinn, Patricia R.	Librarian - Adult Services	35,404.51	35,404.51		1,255.50
* Ramsey, Jonathan	Librarian	27,526.44	27,526.44		108.00
Rice, Christie K.	Police Special-Summer	1,506.50	1,506.50		
* Rinker III, Earl A.	Town Administrator	67,136.95	67,136.95		
Roberts, Patrick J.	After School Counselor	990.88	990.88		
Sawtelle, Kimberly N	After School Counselor	20.00	20.00		

NAME	POSITION / DEPARTMENT	TOTAL WAGES	BASE WAGE	OVERTIME	OUTSIDE DETAIL**
Scannell, Anne M.	Zoning Board Secretary	3,246.15	3,246.15		
Scippa, John	Outside Duty Police	729.00	-		729.00
Seaver, Emily	Election Worker	242.28	242.28		
Snow MD, Gail A.	Health Officer	4,000.00	4,000.00		
Snyder, Paula S.	Welfare Director/Election Worker	2,839.32	2,839.32		
Stanley Jr., Kenneth E.	Call EMT/Firefighter	468.00	468.00		
Stokel, Joshua E.	Outside Duty Police	135.00	-		135.00
Svihovec, Bryce R.	Public Works	3,166.50	3,166.50		
Swist, Thomas M.	Call Firefighter	683.00	683.00		
Tarbell, Addie R.	After School Counselor	762.26	762.26		
Thibodeau, Chie A.	Police Special-Summer	2,852.00	2,852.00		
Tienan, Emily E.	Lifeguard	2,650.00	2,650.00		
Tobey, Elizabeth A.	After School Counselor	40.00	40.00		
* Tompkins, Randall B.	Police Sergeant	69,568.45	61,248.24	6,345.71	1,974.50
Vozella, Joseph A Jr	Election Worker	66.95	66.95		
Walker, Andrew R.	Police Special-Summer	3,005.50	3,005.50		
Walker, Donald	Call Firefighter	10,969.00	10,861.00		108.00
Walsh, Adam J.	Recreation Dept	2,516.38	2,516.38		
* Walsh, Kevin P.	Police Sergeant	64,038.45	45,498.11	13,872.99	4,667.35
Waterman, Jennifer A.	After School Counselor	7,237.58	7,237.58		
Watkins, Elizabeth A.	Call EMT/Firefighter	142.00	34.00		108.00
* Webster, Mark D.	Patrolman	58,359.60	36,717.33	9,251.81	12,390.46
* Weiland, Nancy L.	Executive Secretary	32,634.13	32,557.30	76.83	
* Whitaker, Susan M.	Building Inspector	41,242.59	41,242.59		
Whittet, Robert J.	Call EMT/Firefighter	7,661.25	7,661.25		
Wolfe, Francis E.	Call Firefighter	1,584.00	1,584.00		
* Yeaton, Elizabeth M.	Deputy Tax Collector/Town Clerk	36,314.84	36,314.84		
Yeaton, Norman H.	Call FF/Supervisor of Checklist	1,205.00	1,205.00		
Yelle, Jasmine L.	Recreation Dept	1,855.27	1,855.27		
York, Jeffrey E	Call Firefighter	52.00	52.00		
* Young, Timothy L.	Transfer Station Attendant	28,888.83	27,932.48	956.35	
Zartarian, Mark N.	Firefighter/Emergency Management	7,214.47	6,682.71	423.76	108.00
Zartarian, Therese A.	Sewer Commission Secretary	7,711.15	7,711.15		
TOTAL		139	-		
	TOTAL:	2,246,325.88	2,048,435.98	151,260.13	46,629.77

* Denotes Full Time employees that receive benefits.

**Denotes services which are reimbursed to the Town by Outside Agencies.

**TOWN OF RYE
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PACKAGE COSTS**

BENEFIT	PLAN TYPE/ COVERAGE	TOTAL COST 2002	ANNUAL COST	EMPLOYEE SHARE	TOWN'S COST/yr
Health Insurance	Provided through	Single Coverage	\$ 4,184		\$ 4,184
	Anthem Blue Cross of NH	2-Person Coverage	\$ 8,367	\$ 1,673	\$ 6,694
	Comp 500 Plan	Family Coverage	\$ 11,296	\$ 2,259	\$ 9,036
	Town pays 100% of single coverage - 80% of the 2-person and family plans				
Dental Insurance	Provided through	Single Coverage	\$ 373		\$ 373
	Delta Dental	2-Person Coverage	\$ 742	\$ 369	\$ 373
	Option 1A	Family Coverage	\$ 1,314	\$ 942	\$ 373
	Town pays 100% of a single coverage only.				
Life Insurance	Benefit is equal to annual pay with reduction after age 65				\$ 14.14
	Rate is \$0.23 per month for each \$1000 of benefit to a maximum of \$75,000				
Town pays 100% of this cost					
Short-Term Disability	Benefit is \$50 per week for 26 weeks				\$ 34.80
	The Rate is \$0.58 per month for each \$10 of weekly benefit				
Town pays 100% of this cost					
LongTerm Disability	Benefit is 60% of base pay to a maximum of \$5000/mth				\$ 304.83
	Benefit commenses after 6 months of disability				
The rate is \$.78 per \$100 of Permanent Base Pay per month					
Town pays 100% of this cost					
Retirement	<u>Provided through</u>			Town pays 3% of wages & will match added 2.8% in voluntary contributions	
	ICMA 401	Full Time Employees		Mandatory .2% from emp.	
	
	Individual IRA	Library Staff		Library pays 5.8% of gross earnings	
	
	NH State Retirement Plan	Police officers	Town pays 7.87% of gross earnings		
		Fire Fighters	Town pays 13.44% of gross earnings		
		Employees	Town pays 5.9% of gross earnings		
		Police officers	contribute 9.3%		
		Fire Fighters	contribute 9.3%		
	Employees	contribute 5%			
The NH Retirement System sets the employer's percentage annually effective July 1st.					

* Full time employees work forty (40) hours per week.

Permanent part-time employees must work a minimum of thirty (30) hours per week to be eligible for benefits.

Treasurer's Report

The year 2002 brought a \$406,511 increase to the town's payment to the State of New Hampshire Education Tax bringing it to \$3,178,954. The projected amount for 2004 is \$3,784,901, an increase of \$605,947. In addition, Rye's local school payment for 2002 was \$7,515,037. The Rockingham County portion was 1,450,079 down by \$12,803.

There was a substantial decrease in earned income from investments this year due to low interest rates. Despite this, the town did not need to borrow in anticipation of taxes, saving interest expense.

In 2002, there were no new bonds or notes required by the Town. The remaining indebtedness, which includes the Sewer Bond (of which the town's portion is 40%), Parsonage and Library Bonds, totals \$3,115,000 as of December 31, 2002.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and the town employees for their cooperation and assistance.

General Fund

January 1, 2002 Balance		
Checking Account	1,441,688.23	
Money Market Investments	15,589.87	
Payroll	1,000.00	
N.H. Public Deposit Pool	30,106.47	
Bank of New Hampshire Pool	3,141,780.56	\$ <u>4,630,165.13</u>
Receipts		21,378,189.59
Disbursements		(18,570,715.33)
December 31, 2002 Balance		
Checking Account	256,476.68	
Money Market Investments	15,800.36	
Payroll	1,000.00	
N. H. Public Deposit Pool	838,444.83	
Bank of New Hampshire Pool	6,325,917.52	\$ <u>7,437,639.39</u>

Conservation Commission

January 1, 2002 Balance	9,684.37
Receipts	1,870.76
Disbursements	(283.00)
December 31, 2002 Balance	\$ <u>11,272.13</u>

Conservation Commission Land Acquisition

January 1, 2002 Balance	455,240.54
Receipts	206,958.61
Disbursements	(253,803.50)
December 31, 2002 Balance	\$ <u>408,395.65</u>

Forest Fund

January 1, 2002 Balance	458.67
Receipts	4.30
Disbursements	0.00
December 31, 2002 Balance	\$ <u>462.97</u>

Sewerage Fund Operating & Maintenance

January 1, 2002 Balance	279,724.33
Receipts	
Tax Collector	216,554.48
Treasurer	33,027.42
Town Bond Payment	108,471.00
State Grants	99,319.00
Disbursements	(500,898.38)
December 31, 2002 Balance	\$ <u>236,197.85</u>

Sewerage Fund Escrow, Adams

January 1, 2002 Balance	30,892.14
Receipts	494.26
Disbursements	0.00
December 31, 2002 Balance	\$ <u>31,386.40</u>

Town of Rye, Escrow

January 1, 2002 Balance	43,713.68
Receipts	41,093.90
Disbursements	(44,917.76)
December 31, 2002 Balance	\$ <u>39,889.82</u>

Town of Rye, Love Lane Escrow

January 1, 2002 Balance	13,983.18
Receipts	184.65
Disbursements	0.00
December 31, 2002 Balance	\$ <u>14,167.83</u>

Town of Rye, Recreation

January 1, 2002 Balance	5,896.02
Receipts	3,806.46
Disbursements	(2,238.12)
December 31, 2002 Balance	\$ <u>7,464.36</u>

Town of Rye, Excavation Surety

January 1, 2002 Balance	4,666.52
Receipts	1,097.69
Disbursements	0.00
December 31, 2002 Balance	\$ <u>5,764.21</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Flynn
Treasurer

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Telephone: 964-8562 Fax: 964-4132 Email: janei@town.rye.nh.us

We are always striving to serve the people of Rye with courtesy and efficiency, and we welcome all comments or suggestions. Feel free to contact us with your ideas.

The statistics from this office once again demonstrate the steady growth our town is experiencing. Again in 2002 we saw revenues rise by more than \$58,000 in just motor vehicle registrations. The summary of revenues generated is shown on the accompanying pages.

Reminder: All dogs should be licensed between January 1 and April 30 of each year. An up-to-date rabies certificate is required. The cost for a spayed or neutered dog is \$6.50; for non-neutered the fee is \$9.00; puppies less than seven months old are \$6.50. Dog owners over sixty-five years of age can license a dog for \$2.00.

If you want to obtain a Beach Parking Permit, bring in the registrations of the vehicles for which you want a permit. The cost is now \$20.00 each. To qualify you must be a property owner and/or a resident of Rye.

Please remember to vote! Rye's polling place is the Elementary School on Sagamore Road. Polls are open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. If you are unable to get to the polls on Election Day, absentee ballots are always available at our office up to 5:00 pm the day before the election. If you have not yet registered to vote, you can do that at any time here at our office. You can also register at the polls on Election Day. Bring photo identification and proof of your Rye residency.

As always I am grateful for the cooperation and help of all my fellow town officers and town employees, but most especially for that of Beth Yeaton and Phyllis Lundgren, my trusted friends and associates. Thank you all.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Ireland
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 2002**

Summary

Motor Vehicle Registrations

Permits (7,090)	\$ 1,092,028.00
Title Fees (1380)	2,760.00
Municipal Agent Fees (6,550)	16,375.00
 Total Motor Vehicle Fees	 \$ 1,111,163.00
 Dog Licenses (955)	 \$ 5,820.50

Miscellaneous

UCC Filings	\$ 1,833.00
Marriage Licenses	2,070.00
Certified Copies	1,506.00
Filing Fees	8.00
Wetland Permits	133.00
Voter Checklists	75.00
Property Lists	25.00
Articles of Agreement	10.00
Town Seal	24.00
Pole Licenses	30.00
Civil Forfeitures	650.00
Beach Parking Permits	19,790.00
 Total Miscellaneous	 \$ 26,154.00
 Remitted to Treasurer	 \$ 1,143,137.50

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of RYE Year Ending 12-31-02

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES- BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year 2002 of this Report	2001	PRIOR LEVIES 2000 (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	1999
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	2,598,705.82		
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx			
Land Use Change	#3120	xxxxxx			
Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx			
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx			
		xxxxxx			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	16,430,889.41	
Resident Taxes	#3180		
Land Use Change	#3120		
Yield Taxes	#3185		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187		
Utility Charges	#3189		

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OVERPAYMENT:

Property Taxes	#3110	27,498.21	329,173.04		
Resident Taxes Rounding adj.	#3180		(.04)		
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yr prepayments	#3187	2,144.22			
costs before Lien		1,197.50	2,280.00		
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	9,898.41	28,496.99		
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190				
TOTAL DEBITS		\$16,471,627.75	\$2,958,655.81	\$	\$

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of RYE Year Ending 12/31/02

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for this Year 2002	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2001	2000	1999
Property Taxes	15,628,832.04	2,370,514.21		
Resident Taxes prepayments		2,199.55		
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Interest (include lien conversion)	9,898.41	28,395.68		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		216,385.15		
Costs not liened	1,197.50	2,280.00		
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	8,235.71	338,779.91		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
Interest abated		101.31		
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	337.76			

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	823,126.33			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
TOTAL CREDITS	\$16,471,627.75	\$2,958,655.81	\$	\$

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of RYE Year Ending 12/31/02

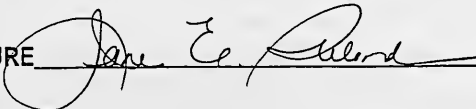
DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy 2002	2001	PRIOR LEVIES 2000 (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS) 1999 & 1998	
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year		101,565.36	67,112.40	2,188.78
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	232,781.57			
Interest & Costs Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	8,996.77	10,671.85	22,069.09	
Overpayments	158.46			
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 241,936.80	\$ 112,237.21	\$ 89,181.49	\$ 2,188.78

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:		Last Year's Levy 2002	2001	PRIOR LEVIES 2000 (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS) 1999 & 1998	
Redemptions		152,006.20	57,126.13	66,411.70	
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	8,137.51	10,885.03	22,050.09	
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes		2,796.49	376.11		
Liens Deeded to Municipality		805.14	429.21	430.78	
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	#1110	78,191.46	43,420.73	288.92	2,188.78
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 241,936.80	\$ 112,237.21	\$ 89,181.49	\$ 2,188.78

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? Yes

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE  DATE 1/28/03

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of RYE (Sewer only) Year Ending 12/31/02

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES- BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year 2002 of this Report	2001	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx			
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx			
Land Use Change	#3120	xxxxxx			
Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx			
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx	13,710.41		
		xxxxxx			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110		
Resident Taxes	#3180		
Land Use Change	#3120		
Yield Taxes	#3185		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187		
Utility Charges	#3189	250,883.21	

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OVERPAYMENT:

Property Taxes prepayments	#3110	34.00			
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Utilities		1,880.00			
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	146.51	553.65		
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190				
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 252,943.72	\$ 14,264.06	\$	\$

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of RYE (Sewer only) Year Ending 12/31/02

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for this Year 2002	2001	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	
Property Taxes				
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Interest (include lien conversion)	146.51	553.65		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges	202,109.91	10,997.94		
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		2,712.47		
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes				
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges	2,194.18			
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes				
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges	48,493.12			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 252,943.72	\$ 14,264.06	\$	\$

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS REPORT

Last year was a difficult year in the capital markets with all the major stock indexes suffering substantial declines in value. In the previous two years the trust accounts had successfully avoided most of the market declines by staying focused on high quality, income producing pharmaceutical, energy and utility stocks and investing in short term investment grade corporate bonds.

While the trust accounts outperformed the market averages in 2002, and successfully avoided all the major corporate collapses, the broad market declines reduced the overall value of the trust accounts.

Going forward, the Trustees intend to maintain their investment philosophy of investing in only the highest quality American companies.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey M. Balboni
Andrew J. Mahoney
Priscilla J. Patrick
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

**TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
DETAILED STATEMENT**

LIBRARY

PRINCIPAL 1/1/02	\$	231,028.81
ADDITIONS:		
Howard & Louise Roper Fund		200.00
Loss on stock transaction		<u>(414.05)</u>

PRINCIPAL 12/31/02 230,814.76

INCOME BALANCE 1/1/02	\$	(66.08)
2002 Income		14,534.64
Paid to Library Trustees		<u>14,384.91</u>
INCOME BALANCE 12/31/02	\$	83.65

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

PRINCIPAL 1/1/02 \$ 793,108.14

 Additions:

Capital Reserve - Employee Leave	33,872.90
Capital Reserve - Rye Water District	522.00
Capital Reserve - Rye Water District	3,000.00
Capital Reserve - Recreation Building	10,000.00
Capital Reserve - School Property Maintenance	30,000.00
Capital Reserve - Special Education Fund	50,000.00
Capital Reserve - Fire Station Land Acquisition	69,051.28
Capital Reserve - Computers	<u>7,687.94</u>

Total Additions \$ 204,134.12

 Expended:

Capital Reserve - Revaluation	11,023.86
Capital Reserve - Grove Road Landfill	8,231.77
Capital Reserve - Highway Equipment	<u>22,370.57</u>

Total Expenditures 41,626.20

PRINCIPAL 12/31/02 \$ 955,616.06

INCOME BALANCE 1/1/02	\$	66,967.18
2002 Income		12,532.78

 2002 Expended:

Capital Reserve - Revaluation	272.64
Capital Reserve - Grove Road Landfill	4,699.05
Capital Reserve - Highway Equipment	13,515.43
Alma Goodwin Hill Trust	<u>75.06</u>

Total Expended \$ 18,562.18

INCOME BALANCE 12/31/02 \$ 60,937.78

TRUST FUNDS CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT - 2002

FUND	PRINCIPAL	ADDITIONS OR EXPENDED	PRINCIPAL	INCOME BALANCE	2002 INCOME	2002 EXPENDED	BALANCE INCOME
LIBRARY	\$ 231,028.81	(214.05)	230,814.76	(66.08)	14,534.64	14,384.91	83.65
MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS	793,108.14	162,507.92	955,616.06	66,967.18	12,532.78	18,562.18	60,937.78
CEMETERY	478,536.81	10,017.93	488,554.74	7,206.41	54,436.23	52,790.59	8,852.05
DALTON FUNDS	325,324.55	7.71	325,332.26	2,511.08	21,534.74	21,000.00	3,045.82
MANUEL FUND	30,383.67		30,383.67	1,174.44	472.65		1,647.09
SALE OF LOTS				44,155.06	11,011.88	23,046.91	32,120.03
JENNIE P. BROWNELL	12,472.00	5.56	12,477.56	0	1,480.28	1,480.28	0
TOTALS	\$1,870,853.98	172,325.07	2,043,179.05	121,948.09	116,003.20	131,264.87	106,686.42

**CENTRAL CEMETERY
SALE OF LOTS
2002**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Perpetual Care</u>	<u>Sale of Lots</u>
John R. Hall II & Emily L. Hall Division 3, Lot A64	\$ 2,000.00	2,000.00
Jerome & Joan Gittlein Division 3, A66	2,000.00	2,000.00
M. Elizabeth Cady Cedar Lawn, A81 #4	175.00	175.00
John E. Hoyt Cedar Lawn, B39 #4	175.00	175.00
Ernest R. & Cynthia P. Drake Cedar Lawn, A48 #3 & 4	350.00	350.00
David H. Rimbach Division 2, A10 North side	1,000.00	1,000.00
Paul Chase Cedar Lawn, C32 #1 & 2	350.00	350.00
James A. Robertson, Jr. Cedar Lawn, #92 3 & 4	350.00	350.00
Robert W. & Claudie M. F. Shelton Cedar Lawn E9, 3 & 4	350.00	350.00
June E. Morse Division 2, A26 North side	1,000.00	1,000.00
Ferris G. Bavicchi Division 2, A24 North side	1,000.00	1,000.00
Walworth Johnson Family Trust Division 1, A-2 North side	1,000.00	1,000.00

<u>Name</u>	<u>Perpetual Care</u>	<u>Sale of Lots</u>
Lee H. Roper Cedar Lawn E-10, #4	175.00	175.00
John A. Beckwith Cedar Lawn E-19, #2 & 3	350.00	350.00
Elizabeth Priestly Parsons Division, #9	150.00	150.00
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Totals	\$10425.00	\$10425.00

TRUST FUND REPORT FOR LIBRARY COMMON TRUST

TRUSTS DATE CREATED	TRUST NAME	FUND	GROUP	RECORDS	BEG. PRIN.	ADD. PRIN.	GAIN	END. PRIN.	BEG. INC.	INC.	EXP.	END. INC.
890	09-28-1998 HECODSIA WATT TRUST	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$209.12	\$0.00	\$-3.38	\$205.74	\$3.38	\$13.17	\$13.04	\$5.51
8901	08-21-1909 JENNESS, J. DISCO	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$705.60	\$0.00	\$-1.28	\$707.32	\$1.33	\$44.65	\$44.19	\$1.79
8902	02-03-1912 WEBSTER, BENJAMIN F.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$1,722.30	\$0.00	\$-3.10	\$1,719.20	\$3.22	\$108.53	\$107.41	\$4.34
8903	07-07-1917 RAND, MARY TUCK	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$628.58	\$0.00	\$-1.13	\$627.45	\$1.16	\$39.60	\$39.20	\$1.56
8904	11-11-1918 LOCKE, JAMES H.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$1,722.30	\$0.00	\$-3.10	\$1,719.20	\$3.22	\$108.53	\$107.41	\$4.34
8905	08-21-1921 ORAKE, JAMES MCLEEN	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$15,556.42	\$0.00	\$-27.93	\$15,528.49	\$29.06	\$980.16	\$970.06	\$39.16
8906	10-27-1922 MADSEN, RALPH T.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$316.16	\$0.00	\$-5.57	\$311.57	\$5.58	\$19.79	\$19.59	\$1.78
8907	07-06-1925 PARSONS, DR. JOHN	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$1,561.53	\$0.00	\$-2.77	\$1,558.76	\$2.89	\$97.14	\$96.13	\$3.90
8908	11-27-1927 GOSS, SUSAN A.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$1,561.53	\$0.00	\$-2.77	\$1,558.76	\$2.89	\$97.14	\$96.13	\$3.90
8909	01-31-1923 GARLAND, OLIVER PERRY	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$1,561.53	\$0.00	\$-2.77	\$1,558.76	\$2.89	\$97.14	\$96.13	\$3.90
8910	01-22-1941 VARELL, FOREST CLINTON	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$3,050.89	\$0.00	\$-3.48	\$3,047.41	\$5.70	\$192.25	\$190.27	\$7.68
8911	12-17-1941 PHILBRICK, LIZZIE B.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$727.33	\$0.00	\$-1.31	\$726.02	\$1.35	\$45.83	\$45.36	\$1.82
8912	01-02-1949 HILL, GERTRUDE P.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$9,185.95	\$0.00	\$-16.49	\$9,169.46	\$17.17	\$578.85	\$572.89	\$23.13
8913	10-07-1949 MARDEN, ELIZA PARSONS	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$10,470.94	\$0.00	\$-16.80	\$10,454.14	\$19.56	\$659.82	\$653.02	\$26.36
8914	12-28-1949 CARTER, WILLIAM J.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$1,539.13	\$0.00	\$-2.77	\$1,536.36	\$2.88	\$96.98	\$95.98	\$3.88
8915	04-30-1958 WALKER, RALPH	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$3,050.73	\$0.00	\$-5.48	\$3,045.25	\$5.72	\$192.26	\$190.26	\$7.70
8916	09-20-1960 HOOK, MARY ISABEL	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$2,297.71	\$0.00	\$-5.48	\$2,292.23	\$5.72	\$192.26	\$190.26	\$7.70
8917	05-23-1961 PARSONS, JOHN L. & BLANCHE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$23,566.79	\$0.00	\$-4.13	\$23,562.66	\$4.29	\$144.79	\$143.29	\$5.79
8918	09-23-1961 LONGEE, GILMAN H. & MARYELLE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$23,566.79	\$0.00	\$-4.13	\$23,562.66	\$4.29	\$144.79	\$143.29	\$5.79
8919	05-11-1971 PHILBRICK, SHIRLEY S./HELEN F.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$13,649.61	\$0.00	\$-42.31	\$13,607.30	\$44.03	\$1,484.93	\$1,469.63	\$59.33
8920	05-05-1972 DUDLEY, MARTHA	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$40,976.18	\$0.00	\$-24.50	\$40,951.68	\$25.91	\$860.03	\$851.17	\$32.77
8921	02-07-1980 SILVESTER, MARGUERITE FRASER	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$2,034.09	\$0.00	\$-73.56	\$2,000.53	\$76.57	\$2,582.11	\$2,555.51	\$103.17
8922	12-01-1980 PARSONS, DOROTHY	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$40,774.73	\$0.00	\$-3.66	\$40,771.07	\$3.79	\$128.17	\$126.85	\$5.11
8923	01-10-1990 ROPER, HOWARD & LOUISE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$2,016.75	\$200.00	\$-3.69	\$2,013.06	\$4.90	\$172.55	\$172.55	\$6.68
8924	12-31-1992 CORINNE P. MACDONALD	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$3,609.19	\$0.00	\$-4.92	\$3,604.27	\$4.75	\$227.43	\$225.09	\$9.09
8925	09-25-2000 ALMA HILL EXPENDABLE TRUST	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2002	\$45,006.01	\$0.00	\$-79.79	\$44,926.22	\$42.10	\$2,806.94	\$2,776.07	\$383.23
***					\$231,028.81	\$200.00	\$-414.05	\$230,614.76	\$-66.08	\$14,534.64	\$14,384.91	\$83.65

TRUST FUNDS - MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

DATE	NAME OF FUND	PRINCIPAL BALANCE	ADDITIONS OR EXPENDED	PRINCIPAL BALANCE	INCOME BALANCE	2002 INCOME	2002 EXPENDED	INCOME BALANCE
12/25/1856	Daniel Austin Medicine Chest Fund	\$ 100.00		100.00	1,620.44	16.13		1,636.57
3/17/90	Employee Leave Fund	22,057.08	33,872.90	55,929.98	0	331.24		331.24
3/30/96	Rye Water District	17,512.69	3,000.00	20,512.69	286.43	265.71		552.14
3/16/96	Capital Reserve Ambulance	15,164.29		15,164.29	1,488.95	249.49		1,738.44
3/25/95	Capital Reserve Rye Water District	129,549.62	522.00	130,071.62	6,391.50	2033.67		8,425.17
12/19/65	Capital Reserve Fire Truck	55,000.00		55,000.00	31,333.04	1290.80		32,623.84
3/12/94	Capital Reserve Grove Road Landfill	78,138.03	(8,231.77)	69,906.26	3,572.91	1126.14	4699.05	0
3/17/90	Capital Reserve Record Restoration	8,000.00		8,000.00	2,802.45	161.74		2,964.19
3/17/90	Capital Reserve Revaluation	26,450.69	(11,023.86)	15,426.83	0	272.64	272.64	0
3/16/96	Capital Reserve Recreation Building	29,465.07	10,000.00	39,465.07	0	441.62		441.62
3/14/92	Capital Reserve Safety Building	184,616.26		184,616.26	0	2756.19		2,756.19
3/14/92	Capital Reserve Sewer	36,082.80		36,082.80	4,775.73	611.91		5,387.64
11/1/66	Capital Reserve Rye Beach Precinct	6,314.15		6,314.15	2,187.61	139.38		2,326.99

TRUST FUNDS - MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS
continued

DATE	NAME OF FUND	PRINCIPAL BALANCE	ADDITIONS OR EXPENDED	PRINCIPAL BALANCE	INCOME BALANCE	2002 INCOME	2002 EXPENDED	INCOME BALANCE
3/12/94	Capital Reserve Highway Equipment	108,481.58	(22,370.57)	86,111.01	12,186.91	1328.52	13,515.43	0
3/16/96	Foss Graveyard Trust	1,175.88		1,175.88	234.85	21.41		256.26
2/14/01	Alma Goodwin Hill Nonexpendable Trust	5,000.00		5,000.00	0	75.06	75.06	0
3/13/01	School Property Maintenance Fund	20,000.00	30,000.00	50,000.00	24.69	434.72		459.41
3/13/01	Capital Reserve Special Education Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	100,000.00	61.67	974.44		1,036.11
3/12/02	Fire Station Land Acquisition Fund		69,051.28	69,051.28	0	1.77		1.77
3/12/02	Capital Reserve Computers		7,687.94	7,687.94	0	.20		.20
TOTALS		793,108.14	162,507.92	955,616.06	66,967.18	12532.78	18562.18	60,937.78

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF BIRTHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>NAMES OF PARENTS</u>
January 15	Exeter	Thomas Michael Degnan	Thomas and Tracy Degnan
January 22	Salem, MA	Stephen Thomas Neuffer	Peter and Kimberly Neuffer
February 26	Portsmouth	Jesse Tucker Ward	Timothy and Julie Ward
March 3	Boston, MA	Lily Emery Smyth	John and Jenifer Smyth
March 5	Portsmouth	Michael Adams Bryan	Michael and Jacqueline Bryan
April 1	Portsmouth	Boyd Robert Crapo	Shawn and Kristin Crapo
April 4	Portsmouth	Isabel Catherine Predaris	Paul and Susan Predaris
April 4	Portsmouth	Madeline Jane Predaris	Paul and Susan Predaris
April 18	Portsmouth	Elizabeth Grace Nee	Robert and Sara Nee
June 3	Portsmouth	William Henry Isaacson	Kenneth and Hazel Isaacson
June 18	Portsmouth	Parker Elizabeth O'Shaughnessy	Daniel and Michelle O'Shaughnessy
June 19	Portsmouth	Jack Richard Gallahan	Patrick Gallahan and Diane Demers
June 21	Lebanon	Annikah Angele Brooks	Andrew and Katie Brooks
July 11	Portsmouth	Katherine Anne Weathersby	Robert and Patricia Weathersby
August 2	Portsmouth	Olivia Reed Cray	Stephen and Carolyn Cray
August 8	Exeter	Karl Vincent Walther Mohr	Robert Mohr and Marie Monier-Mohr
September 9	Portsmouth	Sophia Nicole Foley	James and Sandra Foley
September	Portsmouth	Donald Leslie Jeka	Donald Jeka and Allison Dick
September 16	Portsmouth	Kiley Elizabeth Prinz	Scott and Staci Prinz
September 21	Portsmouth	John MacKenzie Clinton Morse	Tyler and Maryellen Morse
September 28	Portsmouth	Colin Michael Brewer	Roland Brewer and Kimberly Sullivan-Brewer
October 4	Portsmouth	Joseph Francis Omar Ghninou	Mounsif and Christine Ghninou
October 6	Portsmouth	Gavin Richard Dufresne	Derek and Samantha Dufresne
October 11	Portsmouth	Sydney Lee Yim	Ho and Melissa Yim
October 19	Portsmouth	Hannah Elizabeth Hordon	Ronald and Jennifer Hordon
November 2	Dover	Olivia Jean Pacheco	Emanuel and Heather Pacheco
December 19	Exeter	Mitra Julia Moody	Michael Moody and Taraneh Azar

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF MARRIAGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GROOM'S NAME AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE</u>	<u>BRIDE'S NAME AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE</u>
March 11	Eric Wallace Berg, Greenland, NH	Kellye Jeanne Bouchard, Greenland, NH
March 13	David A. Schaub, Rye, NH	Deborah N. Borza, Greenland, NH
March 20	Robert Francis Cameron, Rye, NH	Melody Marie Jones, Rye, NH
April 13	Andrew M. Brooks, Rye, NH	Katie E. Noack, Rochester, NH
April 18	Stephen Charles Volpone, Jr., Hampton Falls, NH	Elizabeth Ost White, Rye, NH
April 20	Tory Nathan Kendrick, Missoula, MT	Aimee Francoise Boutillette, Missoula, MT
April 27	Alfred Louis Arcidi, Rye Beach, NH	Kelli Danielle Mower, Kingston, NH
May 1	Robert J. Willette, Rye, NH	Elizabeth Anne Grossman, Rye, NH
May 7	Frederick Charles Leisenritt, III, Rye, NH	Jo-Ann Elayne Jansen, Rye, NH
May 11	Richard M. Ender, Rye, NH	Susan M. Balducci, Rye, NH
May 11	Christopher D. Montagna, Rye, NH	Veronique K. Stewart, Somersworth, NH
May 12	Allen Roy Johnson, Billerica, MA	Susan Joyce Sawran, Billerica, MA
May 29	Peter Laurence Gordon, Rye, NH	Barbara Gene Goulding, Rye, NH
June 1	Peter Warren Allen, Rye, NH	Kim Marie Mick, Rye, NH
June 1	Dennis Walter Sullivan, New York, NY	Dana Kristin Kenny, New York, NY
June 8	Robert William Paterson, Jr., Portsmouth, NH	Kate Malia Swenson, Portsmouth, NH
June 12	David C. Martinuk, Rye, NH	Boondhark Wongchotrat, Rye, NH
June 15	Zachary Page Albee, Indianapolis, IN	Nicole Marie Gardner, Indianapolis, IN
June 15	Jeffrey Thomas Holcomb, Taunton, MA	Stefanie Krystyne Gazda, Rye, NH
June 15	Bryan Thomas Trudel, Portsmouth, NH	Jaime Lynn Heaney, Rye, NH
June 22	Christopher Michael Green, Rowley, MA	Amanda Caroline Yaaton, Rye, NH
June 29	Timothy Kramer Horton, Lee, NH	Karen L. Russo, Rye, NH
July 1	Stephen Arthur Cray, II, Rye, NH	Carolyn Curtain Cail, Rye, NH
July 6	Stephen Batchelder Clarkson, Rye Beach, NH	Mary Claire Snyder, Rye Beach, NH
July 13	Christopher W. Daly, Portsmouth, NH	Marilyn L. Keith, Rye, NH
July 14	William M. Hamis, Rye, NH	Darlene A. D'Amour, Rye, NH
July 20	Scott George Morrisson, Waltham, MA	Sara Ann Thibault, Waltham, MA
August 10	Jason Arthur Demerco, Wilmington, NC	Catherine Eileen Hurley, Wilmington, NC
August 17	Francis Jerry Quintiliani, Rye, NH	Jennifer Louise McCobb, Rye, NH
August 17	James M. Russell, Rye, NH	Carrie E. Simek, Rye, NH
August 19	Thomas Franz Wetli, Rye, NH	Rebekka Salome Dutil, Rye, NH
August 24	Jeffrey Thomas Kelley, Malden, MA	Kristen Marie Scully, Malden, MA
August 24	Jesse King, Exeter, NH	Katherine Barbara Douglas, Exeter, NH
August 24	Michael Frank Wilson, Rye, NH	Robin Lynn Barrett, Rye, NH
August 31	Matthew T. Kelley, Cave Creek, AZ	Tricia L. Richard, Cave Creek, AZ
September 6	Keith Ware Eveland, Rye, NH	Josephine Campbell, Rye, NH
September 7	Joshua Chamberlin, Hampton, NH	Danis Victoria Higgins, Hampton, NH
September 14	Mark David Webster, Epping, NH	Amy Baldwin Schramm, Epping, NH
September 21	Gordon Quincy Miller, Norwalk, CT	Cynthia Camille Tole, Norwalk, CT
September 21	John Joseph Scully, Jr., Hampton, NH	Kristin Janice Gray, Hampton, NH
September 27	Albert Roger Asselin, Sr., Rye, NH	Linda Ann Smart, Rye, NH
September 28	Donald R. Blouin, Jr., Rye Beach, NH	Gwendolyn Brewster Tainter Gengenbach, So Boston, MA
September 28	Christopher Bryan Parks, Rye, NH	Amy Lynn Pierro, Rye, NH
October 5	Steven Jeffrey Lefrancois, Virginia Beach, VA	Jennifer Shawn O'Brien, Virginia Beach, VA
October 5	Mark Herbert Luz, Rye, NH	Donata Andrea Detbarn, Rye, NH
October 5	Joseph Anthony Pappalardo, Jr., Methuen, MA	Priscille Mary Malo, Methuen, MA
October 6	Mitchell James Savigny, Portsmouth, NH	Dawn Elaine Savigny, Portsmouth, NH
October 26	Mark A. Ray, Stoneham, MA	Joanne M. Mahoney, Stoneham, MA
November 2	Darin Charles McDaniels, Rye, NH	Brenda Lee Fuller, Rye, NH
November 25	Karl Robert Reuning, Rye, NH	Marie Evelyn McHugh, Rye, NH
December 4	John Parker Heisey, Rye, NH	Toby Marie Wolitowski, Rye, NH
December 9	Mario Aristo Dwiputra, Rye, NH	Edna Marie Cabebe, Portsmouth, NH
December 24	Wayne C. Barrows, Rye, NH	Kristin E. Riccardi, Portsmouth, NH
December 28	Michael Thomas O'Donnell, Rye, NH	Sharon Loretta Green, Rye, NH
December 31	Michael Steacey Gering, Jr., Rye, NH	Mary Joan Rohacek, Rye, NH

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF DEATHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

DATE	PLACE	NAME OF DECEASED	NAMES OF PARENTS
January 7	Nottingham	Flora F. Vadala	Nicola Mastromarino and Rosina Neri
January 21	Portsmouth	Bertwell M. Ham	Bertwell Ham and Emma Boutillier
February 2	Portsmouth	Alfonso A. Tarantino	Alfonso Tarantino and Mary Malluso
February 2	Portsmouth	Rita M. Tole	Joseph Sweeney and Alice MacDonald
February 25	Rye	Harry Almond Sanborn, Jr.	Harry A. Sanborn, Sr. and Thirza Wilkins
March 18	Rye	Evelyn Arlene Squire	Charles W. Philbrick and Sarah E. Taylor
March 21	Rye	Mary Teresa Silfvenius	George Reynolds and Louise Mendoza
March 28	Dover	Charles T. Claydon	Frank Claydon and Ethel Wynne
April 5	Rye	Elizabeth Ann Cronin	Charles A. McCarthy and Gertrude Quigley
April 12	Rye	Elmer Leigh, Jr.	Elmer Leigh, Sr. and Arlene T. Carroll
April 16	Rye	Phillips B. Morill	Charles Morill and Olive Phillips
April 29	Rye	Anita Eldridge	Luigi Zocchi and Purissima Detomasi
May 16	Portsmouth	Gertrude G. Foss	Clyde Gilliam and Florence Batson
May 17	Rye	James Archie Derochemont, Jr.	James Derochemont, Sr. and Gladys Manson
May 22	Rye	Dorothy Battles Wright	Nahum O. Battles and Rebecca S. Sabin
June 5	Exeter	Paul B. Condon	Orbin Condon and Edna Robinson
June 7	Rye	Frederick Tapper, Jr.	Frederick Tapper, Sr. and Ruth (unknown)
June 9	Rye	Mary Parker Flanders	William P. Straw and Josephine Perkins
June 20	Rye	Helen Rosalia Macewich	Konstanty Budrewicz and Rosalia Mikonis
June 30	Rye	Paul Hannah Chase	Samuel Katz and Hannah Borstel
June 30	Portsmouth	Dorothy E. Dionne	Wesley Holland and Lillian Devine
July 1	Rye	Edward Elias Elkins	Edward Elkins and Eva D. Burt
July 11	Rye	Janet Markham Hall	Patrick Cummins and Jane McMahon
July 26	Portsmouth	Richard H. Porter	Charles Porter and Ethel Sherwood
August 4	Rye	Richard E. Winslow, Jr.	Richard E. Winslow, Sr. and Clara Fales
August 7	Exeter	Barbara E. Eastman	John Long and Mary Sullivan
August 8	Stratham	Joanne Shanley	Lawrence Hazzard and Mary Murphy
August 9	Rye	Gertrude Louise Lane	Laurence Thom and Katrina Weber
August 11	Rye	David Morris Lamprey	Austin Lamprey and Josephine Drake
August 16	Portsmouth	Lillian T. Duchaine	Raymond Beaugregard and Amanda Alix
August 18	Concord	Walworth Johnson	Mitchell Johnson and Margaret Walworth
August 19	Exeter	Lawrence Morse	Albert Morse and Edna McKay
August 20	Hampton	Elizabeth G. Gaskell	William Garland and Ethel Locke
August 22	Portsmouth	Joseph H. Drake	Joseph Drake and Ann Gile
August 22	Rye	Ronald McNeil	John McNeil and Priscilla Lebranche
August 27	Rye	Roland Oscar Palmer	Oscar Palmer and Augusta Swenson
September 1	Portsmouth	John J. Facella	Anthony Facella and Mary Spidale
September 2	Portsmouth	Agnes B. Maxam	Harold Blow and Anna McCaffrey
September 6	Brentwood	Stellario W. Amante	Giuseppe Amante and Giuseppa Ruello
September 15	Portsmouth	Malvina Azzi	Shekrala Daghir and Helena Ganem
September 17	Portsmouth	Carole A. Powell	Franklin Skinner and Ethel Hardy
October 1	Rye	Marjorie Scully	George A. Creteau and Nellie L. Nangle
October 4	Rye	Josephine Patricia Campbell	Michael Campbell and Ina Davidson
October 6	Exeter	Marcelle Boutillier	Patrick Reilly and Rosalie O'Reilly
October 11	Rye	Carol Elizabeth Beckwith	Clifton A. Starbard and Janice B. Cook
October 19	Rye	Richard Smith Howe	Henry L. Howe, II and Ethylinde Smith
October 25	Rye	Sara Lee Lawson	Benjamin Ogburn and Lula Horton
October 27	Rye	John Edward Johnston	Daniel Johnston and Elizabeth Campbell
November 3	Rye	Warren Howard Caswell	Chester W. Caswell and Astrid Swensson
November 4	Rye	Dorothy Louise Vickery	William J. Thompson and Sarah J. McGowan
November 5	Rye	Stephen Irving Vickery	Walter Vickery and Lucy Jenness
December 4	Rye	Angie N. Chronis	Christos Panopoulos and Mary Pappageorgiou
December 8	Portsmouth	Catherine A. Hanlon	William O'Brien and Katherine MacDonald
December 12	Rye	Marianna Scammon Wilder	John S. Scammon and Harriet G. Higgins
December 17	Rye	Eleanor Genese Kilduff	George W. Wood and Ethel M. Osgood

ARTICLE 3 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Amendment 2: CONTINUED

2) Within 50 feet of very poorly drained soils one (1) contiguous acre or larger in size.

3) Within 25 feet of poorly drained soils one (1) contiguous acre or larger in size.

4) Within 100 feet of very poorly drained soils or poorly drained soils one (1) contiguous acre or larger in size located within the Berry's Brook watershed, as defined by Basin 2, Plate 3 of the 1998 Rye Master Plan.

YES 991
NO 287

Amendment 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 3, as follows:

Re: Telecommunications Facilities Overlay District

To amend Section 503.3 Wireless Telecommunications Facilities District and Map to delete the following two parcels from the overlay district:

-Tax Map 17, Parcel 60
-Tax Map 22, Parcel 74
YES 841
NO 323

Amendment 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 4, as follows:

Re: Accessory Apartments (Note: New text is **emboldened and italicized** - deleted text is ~~struck through~~).

To amend the following parts of Section 506 Accessory Apartments to allow accessory apartments to have a maximum floor area of up to 1200 square feet.

506.3 Performance Standards:

A. Each accessory apartment shall have a minimum floor area of 600 sf and a maximum floor area of ~~700~~ **1200** sf and shall contain, at a minimum, a separate cooking area with a kitchen sink, one full bathroom, and not more than two bedrooms.

YES 933
NO 325

Amendment 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 5 as follows:

Re: Storm Water

To amend Section 507.4 by deleting subsections 507.4 (1) and (2) and replacing these sections with the following new Subsection 507.4:

507.4 - Drainage and Grading Plan.

The Building Inspector may require submission of a detailed drainage and grading plan at his/her sole discretion and at the expense of the property owner whenever there is a question regarding compliance with this section.

YES 871
NO 363

Amendment 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 6, as follows:

Re: Wetlands Buffer

To delete Section 301.7B(7) from Section 301.7 Wetlands Buffer. (Note: Language to be deleted is ~~struck through~~.)

~~7. The borders within fifty feet (50') of the wetlands described in paragraph 301.7A are designated wetlands and cannot be included in lot sizing.~~

YES 812
NO 347

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 4, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000) for the purchase of a new fire engine Pumper Truck to replace the 1969 Ford fire engine and to authorize the issuance of not more than one hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$195,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act [N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended], and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye. And further to see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal of the amount of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund established at Town Meeting on December 19, 1965.

THIS ARTICLE REQUIRES A 3/5 MAJORITY VOTE
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

975
YES
NO 289

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 5, as follows:

To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Rye Town Police Association affiliated with Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2002	\$ 7,180
2003	\$11,176
2004	\$12,923

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,180 for the 2002 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over the appropriation at current staffing levels in the prior fiscal year. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

991
YES
NO 325

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 6, as follows:

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 5 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 5 cost items only?

931
YES
NO 351

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John E. Rine
TOWN CLERK

**ARTICLES
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ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 7, as follows:

To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Rye Town Employees Association affiliated with Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2002	<u>\$ 8,185</u>
2003	<u>\$14,054</u>
2004	<u>\$16,314</u>

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,185 for the 2002 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over the appropriation at current staffing levels in the prior fiscal year. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN**

**THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

YES ☐ 936
NO ☐ 379

ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 8, as follows:

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 7 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 7 cost items only?

YES ☐ 898
NO ☐ 374

ARTICLE 9

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 9, as follows:

To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Rye Town Fire Association affiliated with Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2002	<u>\$ 7,633</u>
2003	<u>\$ 7,917</u>
2004	<u>\$ 9,169</u>

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,633 for the 2002 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over the appropriation at current staffing levels in the prior fiscal year. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

987
YES ☐
NO ☐ 326

ARTICLE 10

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 10, as follows:

Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 9 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 9 cost items only?

902
YES ☐
NO ☐ 368

ARTICLE 11

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 11, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of hiring an architect/engineer to design a new fire station or a new fire and police station. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the building is complete or December 31, 2005, whichever is less.

This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

725
YES ☐
NO ☐ 588

ARTICLE 12

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 12, as follows:

Are you in favor of adopting the provisions of RSA 41:14-a in which the selectmen will have the authority to acquire or sell land, buildings or both; provided that they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendation and further to hold two (2) public hearings on any proposed acquisition or sale; provided, however, upon petition of 50 registered voters presented to the selectmen prior to their vote, the proposed acquisition or sale shall be inserted as an article in the warrant for town meeting. If adopted, this authority shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by town meeting vote. (Majority vote required.)

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CONTINUE VOTING**

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 12 CONTINUED

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN
[CONSIDERATION BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THIS
NON-MONEY ARTICLE IS NOT
REQUIRED.]

YES

NO

439

ARTICLE 13

Are you in favor of the adoption of
Article 13, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to
establish a capital reserve fund
under the provisions of RSA
35:15, II for the acquisition of land
for a new fire station or a new fire
and police station and appropriate
the sum of seventy five thousand
dollars (\$75,000) towards this pur-
pose and further to appoint the
selectmen as agents to expend
pursuant to RSA 41:14.a. This
appropriation is in addition to the
operating budget. (Majority vote
required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

YES

NO

844

456

ARTICLE 14

Are you in favor of the adoption of
Article 14, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise
and appropriate the sum of seventy
thousand dollars (\$70,000) to
be added to the Town Employees
Accumulated Leave Fund estab-
lished pursuant to RSA 31:19-a by
Article 14 of the 1990 Rye Town
Meeting. The Town Employees
Accumulated Leave Fund pays
severance benefits to Town
Employees in accordance with the
Town's Personnel Policy. This
appropriation is in addition to the
operating budget. (Majority vote
required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY
THE BUDGET
COMMITTEE

YES

NO

893

406

ARTICLE 15

Are you in favor of
Article 15, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise
and appropriate the sum of thirty-
five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for
the purpose of making certain
improvements in the interior of
the Town Hall, primarily to utilize open
space upstairs for a bathroom, a
lunch room and a room for the
Sewer Commission. There will be
other revisions allowing the
Executive Secretary to move
where the Sewer Commission is,
closer to the Town Administrator,
who will be sharing office space
with the Rye Board of Selectmen
and utilizing the empty space in
the front of the building on the
ground floor for the Planning and
Zoning Office giving the Building
Inspector and the secretary more
room in their office. This appropri-
ation is in addition to the operating
budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

YES

NO

1001

311

ARTICLE 16

Are you in favor of the adoption of
Article 16, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise
and appropriate the sum of twenty-
five thousand dollars (\$25,000)
for the purpose of restoring the
outside of the Rye Town Hall.
Work to include (on the total build-
ing) the removal of all gutters and
shutters, removal of paint to bare
wood, sanding with square palm
sanders, applying a full primer
coat (exterior oil based), caulking
of all holes, gaps and seams,
applying a full finish coat with
exterior latex paint. Work to also
include the repair or replacement
of any deteriorated clapboards.
This appropriation is in addition to
the operating budget. (Majority
vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

YES

NO

1114

196

ARTICLE 17

Are you in favor of the adoption of
Article 17, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to
establish a capital reserve fund
under the provisions of RSA 35:1,
for the purpose of upgrading,
replacing or repairing the Town of
Rye's computer hardware, associ-
ated equipment and computer
software and related support and
to raise and appropriate the sum
of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)
to be placed in this fund and to
appoint the selectmen as agents
to expend from this fund. This
appropriation is in addition to the
operating budget. (Majority vote
required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

YES

NO

1015

294

ARTICLE 18

Are you in favor of the adoption of
Article 18, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise
and appropriate the sum of ten
thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be
added to the Recreation Building
Capital Reserve Fund established
pursuant to RSA 35:1 by Article 9
of the 1996 Rye Town Meeting.
This appropriation is in addition to
the operating budget. (Majority
vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY
THE BUDGET
COMMITTEE

YES

NO

834

478

ARTICLE 19

Are you in favor of the adoption of
Article 19, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise
and appropriate the sum of fifty
thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be
added to the non-lapsing appro-
priation per RSA 32:7.VI estab-
lished by Article 9 of the 1997 Rye
Town Meeting to investigate,
design, and construct an all pur-
pose recreation field to be located
on the footprint of the present
Morang Field in the Town
Recreation Area. CONTINUES
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John C. Redden
TOWN CLERK

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ARTICLE 19 CONTINUED

This is a non-lapsing appropriation that will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2003, whichever occurs first. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT
RECOMMENDED BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

603
YES ☒ ☐
NO ☒ ☐
702

ARTICLE 20

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 20, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand six hundred dollars (\$45,600) for the purpose of purchasing a new 8-yard/33,000 lb cab and chassis for the Department of Public Works to replace the Town's 1987 cab and chassis. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

949
YES ☒ ☐
NO ☒ ☐
373

ARTICLE 21

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 21, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$31,500) for the purpose of purchasing a new 3/4 ton pick-up truck with plow for the Department of Public Works. Continues in next column.

This amount includes the trade-in of the old 1987 1/2 ton pick-up truck. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

998
YES ☒ ☐
NO ☒ ☐
320

ARTICLE 22

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 22, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI established by Article 8 at the 1997 Rye Town Meeting for the purpose of engineering, designing and installing an overall drainage plan for the Town of Rye, updating the current drainage system. This is a non-lapsing appropriation that will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2003, whichever occurs first. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

1015
YES ☒ ☐
NO ☒ ☐
293

ARTICLE 23

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 23, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) pursuant to RSA 36-A:5 to be added to the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund. Continues in next column.

This fund is used to acquire land for the proper utilization and protection of natural resources. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT
RECOMMENDED BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

770
YES ☒ ☐
NO ☒ ☐
437

ARTICLE 24

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 24, as follows:

On petition of Betty Tobey and at least twenty-five registered voters of the Town of Rye to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of zero dollars (\$0.00) to enable the organization based in Rye, T.R.A.S.H., Inc. to continue educating and informing the citizens of New Hampshire about the Statewide Property Tax and continue efforts to eliminate this unfair tax. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT
RECOMMENDED BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

549
YES ☒ ☐
NO ☒ ☐
701

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 25

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 25, as follows:

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by five million two hundred fifty four thousand nine hundred one dollars (\$5,254,901). Should this article be defeated, the default operating budget shall be five million one hundred twenty-one thousand nine hundred ninety-two dollars (\$5,121,992) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

874

YES ☒

NO ☒

347

ARTICLE 26

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 26, as follows:

On petition of Joanne M. Hardin and at least twenty-four registered voters of the Town of Rye to see if the Town will vote to accept as a Class V Town Road the portion of Shoals View Drive located west of Parsons Road, as shown on Rye Tax Map 20.3 and Subdivision Plan of Lots, Fair Hill Estates, dated June 1921 by John Durgin, Civil Engineer. This warrant article shall not take effect until such time as the Public Works Director and the Board of Selectmen have certified to the Town Clerk that the road meets town road standards.

754

YES ☒

NO ☒

449

ARTICLE 27

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 27, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public road **YOUNG LANE** as shown on the Young Lane Subdivision Plan for Maynard Young, County of Rockingham, Rye, NH dated August 1998 as revised and recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds on October 9, 2001 as Plan D-29308.

ARTICLE 27 con't

This acceptance of the Town of Rye, New Hampshire, approval of the Public Works of Selectmen, and the Board.

813

YES ☒

NO ☒

392

ARTICLE 28

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 28, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following amendment to the Town of Rye Animal Beach and Waste Removal Ordinance, Section B, 1, Beach Use, enacted by the Selectmen at their meeting May 21, 2001 in accordance with the Selectmen's authority to regulate the use of Town Beaches: Dogs are not permitted on Town Beaches before 6:00 p.m. or after 8:00 a.m. from the Saturday before Memorial Day to the first day of October each year.

874

YES ☒

NO ☒

386

ARTICLE 29

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 29, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to advise the Rye Board of Selectmen to continue its financial and moral support of the New Hampshire Coalition of Donor Towns, whose primary effort is to eliminate the statewide property tax.

1157

YES ☒

NO ☒

111

ARTICLE 30

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 30, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 2002.

1233

YES ☒

NO ☒

43

**YOU HAVE NOW
COMPLETED VOTING**

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ARTICLE 3 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Amendment 2: CONTINUED

5) There shall be no more than two (2) commercial vehicles kept at the premises. Heavy construction equipment, such as backhoes, bulldozers and dump trucks are not allowed. Only two axle business vehicles are allowed.

6) All parking associated with the business use shall be off-street, including any employee parking. Such parking shall not be located within 50 feet of the street line and shall be screened from adjacent properties.

7) The following business uses are prohibited: retail sales; kennels; automobile or small engine repair or maintenance, welding and any other uses which involve the storage on the property of motor vehicles or the parts thereof; uses which involve the storage of hazardous materials or substances.

8) Businesses which generate more than 12 trips per day (including employee trips) based upon the most recent trip generation data published by the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) are prohibited.

9) Signage, as permitted for a home occupation by Section 203.1 C(2)(d) is allowed.

10) The business use shall not detract from the residential character of the property; of the neighborhood; or of abutting properties. It shall not adversely affect the use and peaceful enjoyment of abutting residential properties.

11) The business use shall not:

a. Generate levels of noise, vibration, glare, smoke, dust, fumes, odors, or heat that are not customary in a typical residential neighborhood of Rye.

b. Generate nonresidential truck deliveries more than once a day.

c. Utilize the exterior spaces of residential structures or yard spaces for storage, display or other activities associated with the business in a manner that is not customary for a typical residential use.

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

Amendment 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 3, as follows:

Amend Section 503 Cono
minimum Conversions by adding
the following requirement to
Section 503.3 Criteria for Special
Exceptions:

G. For condominium conversions involving detached dwellings, if the amount of land designated as common area is less than 1/3 of the area of the parcel, each limited common area assigned to a detached dwelling shall meet the minimum lot area and frontage requirements of this ordinance.

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

ARTICLE 4 PETITION ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTION

ARTICLE 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 4, as follows:

On Petition of Kenneth Crowell Issacson, Sr. and 24 or more other registered voters of the Town of Rye to see if the Town will vote to amend the Rye Zoning Ordinance and Official Zoning Map, as follows:

Changing from the Commercial District to the Single Residence District that portion of Tax Map 10 Lot 15 lying easterly of the line 500 feet to the east of Lafayette Road.

(Note. Tax Map 10, Lot 15 is the former Ciborowski Airport, which is now the site of Rye Airfield Skateboard Park. A map showing the proposed rezoning is posted outside the Building Inspector's Office at the Rye Town Hall. The map will be posted at the polls.)

THE PLANNING BOARD
DISAPPROVES OF THIS
PETITIONED AMENDMENT.

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

ARTICLE 5 PETITION ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTION

ARTICLE 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 5, as follows:

On Petition of Kenneth Crowell Issacson, Sr. and 24 or more other registered voters of the Town of Rye to see if the Town will vote to amend the Rye Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Add a new Article XI entitled "PERFORMANCE STANDARDS."

(Note: The "PERFORMANCE STANDARDS" are 10 pages long and are posted outside the Building Inspector's Office at the Rye Town Hall. They will be posted at the polls. The standards are for Drainage; Landscaping; Screening; Noise; Fire and Explosion; Odor; Gases; Dust and Smoke; Heat and Glare; Exterior Lights; Vibration; Radiation; Waste Disposal and Toxic Matter; Electromagnetic Interference.)

THE PLANNING BOARD
DISAPPROVES OF THIS
PETITIONED AMENDMENT.

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

ARTICLE 6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 6, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to be placed in the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund for the acquisition of conservation easements or open space lands by the Town, all for the permanent protection of appropriate undeveloped land in the Town of Rye, and to authorize the Conservation Commission and Selectmen to act on behalf of the Town in connection with such acquisition of conservation easements or open space lands (subject to the hearings and procedural requirements of NH RSA Chapter 36-A) and to further authorize the issuance of not more than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) of bonds and or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act

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ARTICLE 6. CONTINUED

(NH RSA Chapter 33 as amended), and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon? (3/5 ballot vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
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BUDGET COMMITTEE

YES ← ■
NO ← ■

ARTICLE 7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 7, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three million three hundred thousand dollars (\$3,300,000) for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new Fire and Police Station and authorize the issuance of not more than one million six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,650,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereof and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye, and further, to apply for and accept Federal and State Grants and private donations in the amount of one million six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,650,000) towards this purpose bringing the total to \$3,300,000. (3/5 ballot vote required.)

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BUDGET COMMITTEE

YES ← ■
NO ← ■

ARTICLE 8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 8, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$485,000) for the purpose of purchasing land at 551 Washington Road for the construction of a new Fire and Police Station and to authorize the issuance of not more than four hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$420,000) of bonds and or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereof and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds and or notes, as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye, and further to withdraw sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) from the Land Purchase Capital Reserve established for this purpose, bringing the total to \$485,000. (3/5 ballot vote required.)

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SELECTMEN

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THE BUDGET
COMMITTEE

YES ← ■
NO ← ■

ARTICLE 9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 9, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to be added to the non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7.VI, established by Article 11 of the 2002 Rye Town Meeting to hire an architect/engineer to design a new fire station. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the building is complete or December 31, 2005, whichever is less. If approved, this article only takes effect if Article 8 passes. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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BUDGET COMMITTEE

YES ← ■
NO ← ■

ARTICLE 10. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 10, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) pursuant to RSA 36-A:5 to be added to the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund. This fund is used to acquire land for the proper utilization of and protection of natural resources. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. If approved, this article will only take effect if Article 6 is not approved. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS
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BUDGET COMMITTEE

YES ← ■
NO ← ■

ARTICLE 11. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 11, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to be added to the capital reserve fund established pursuant to the provisions of RSA 35:1 by Article 17 of the 2002 Rye Town Meeting for the purpose of upgrading, replacing or repairing the Town of Rye's computer hardware, associated equipment and computer software and related support. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT
RECOMMENDED BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

YES ← ■
NO ← ■

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ARTICLE 12. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 12, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund established pursuant to RSA 31:19-a by Article 14 of the 1990 Rye Town Meeting. The Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund pays severance benefits to Town Employees in accordance with the Town's Personnel Policy. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS
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SELECTMEN**

**THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

ARTICLE 13. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 13, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to add two (2) full time fire fighters in the Rye Fire Department and to raise and appropriate fifty-five thousand four hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$55,427) to fund the positions for the last seven months of calendar year 2003. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS
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SELECTMEN**

**THIS ARTICLE IS
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BUDGET COMMITTEE**

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

ARTICLE 14. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 14, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7.VI established by Article 8 at the 1997 Rye Town Meeting for the purpose of engineering, designing and installing an overall drainage plan for the Town of Rye, updating the current drainage system. This is a non-lapsing appropriation that will not lapse until the project is complete or in five years (December 31, 2008), whichever occurs first. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS
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SELECTMEN**

**THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

ARTICLE 15. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 15, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand seven hundred ten dollars (\$40,710) for the purpose of purchasing a new One ton (3500 lb.) Pick-up Truck with Plow for the Department of Public Works to replace the 1993 103 Chevrolet Truck. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS
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SELECTMEN**

**THIS ARTICLE IS
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BUDGET COMMITTEE**

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

ARTICLE 16. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 16, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Recreation Building Capital Reserve Fund established pursuant to RSA 35:1 by Article 9 of the 1996 Rye Town Meeting. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN**

**THIS ARTICLE IS NOT
RECOMMENDED BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

ARTICLE 17. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 17, as follows:

Petitioned Warrant Article to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) to design and construct tennis courts on one acre of land in the approximately five-acre portion of the Town Recreation Area located north and west of the current soccer fields. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS NOT
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SELECTMEN**

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BUDGET COMMITTEE**

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

ARTICLE 18. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 18, as follows:

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling five million six hundred forty two thousand five hundred twenty (\$5,642,520). Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be five million one hundred thirty three thousand six hundred sixty eight dollars (\$5,136,668) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required.)

NOTE: This warrant article does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

ARTICLE 19. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 19, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to sell the building at 10 Olde Parish Road, Rye, NH, otherwise known as the Town Historic Museum, to the Rye Historical Society for the amount of one dollar (\$1.00), so long as the building is used as a Town Museum by the Rye Historical Society. The building was moved to its present site at Olde Parish Road pursuant to a Town vote on Article 4 of the October 14, 1997 Special Town Meeting, and its intent was to allow the Rye Historical Society to rehabilitate the building and keep it for a museum to preserve various Town artifacts and historical items.

**THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN**

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

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TOWN ELECTION
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2003

Card 3

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ARTICLE 20. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 20, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 261:153(VI), to collect a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) in addition to motor vehicle registration fees, for the purpose of supporting a municipal and transportation improvement fund, which shall be a capital reserve fund established for this purpose and governed by the provisions of RSA 35. The amount collected shall be deposited into the municipal transportation improvement fund established to allow the Town of Rye to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation. The funds may be used for engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction costs of transportation facilities, and for operating and capital costs of public transportation only. The funds may be used as matching funds for state or federal funds allocated for local or regional transportation improvements. Such funds shall be appropriated by the legislative body of the Town of Rye for the purposes stated in this warrant article only, and shall not be used to offset any other non-transportation appropriations made by the Town of Rye. The additional fee shall be collected from all land based motor vehicles, both passenger and commercial, with the exception of all terrain vehicles as defined in RSA 215-A:1, 1-b and antique motor vehicles or motorcycles, as defined in RSA 259:4. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS
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SELECTMEN**

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

ARTICLE 21. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 21, as follows:

To see if the Town, having a Master Plan adopted by the Planning Board on April 14, 1998 and amended on October 13, 1998, will vote to authorize the

Board of Selectmen to appoint a Capital Improvement Program Committee, which shall include at least one member of the Planning Board and may include but not be limited to other members of the Planning Board, members of the Board of Selectmen, members of the Budget Committee, members of the School Board and other town residents, to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least six years in accordance with RSA 674:5?

**THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN**

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

ARTICLE 22. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 22, as follows:

Shall we adopt the August 1 prior to the setting of the tax rate as the date for filing for an elderly exemption from the property tax? Majority vote required.

**THIS ARTICLE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN**

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

ARTICLE 23. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 23, as follows:

Shall we modify the Elderly Exemptions from property tax in the Town of Rye, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 74 years of age, \$75,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 79 years of age, \$90,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$105,000? To qualify a person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$40,000, or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$59,900 and own assets not in excess of \$199,000, excluding the value of the person's residence. Majority vote required.

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

ARTICLE 24. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 24, a Noise Ordinance, as follows:

1. Between the hours of 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM, it shall be unlawful for any person owning, leasing, operating or controlling the source of sound to make, allow or continue any sound which would: (a) endanger or injure the health of humans; or (b) annoy, disturb, injure or endanger the peace, comfort or repose of a reasonable person of normal sensitivities by the operation of any radio, phonograph or other mechanical sound device or instrument or in the playing of any band, orchestra, musician or group of musicians or in the use of any device to amplify the aforesaid, or the making of loud outcries, exclamations, other loud or boisterous noises, or loud and boisterous singing by any person or group of persons or in the use of any device to amplify the aforesaid noise where the noise is clearly audible at the property line of the property from which the noise is generated. Any person violating this section shall be punished by a civil penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a first offense, two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for a second offense, three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for a third offense and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each subsequent offense within a 24 month period. Each such act which constitutes a violation of this section, which either continues or is repeated more than thirty (30) minutes after the issuance of a warning to cease said activities, shall be considered a separate offense and shall be prosecuted as a separate offense.

2. Notice to Owner of Rental Property

If the violation occurs on the premises of rental property, the owner and/or his agent of said property must be notified in writing by certified mail that a violation of Section 1 has occurred on said rental property, and that a complaint for violation of said section may be taken against him if said property owner and/or his agent fail(s) to mitigate the activities of the person or persons who have rented said property.

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ARTICLE 24 CONTINUED

3. Other Prohibited Noises

A. Loading and unloading. It shall be unlawful to load, unload, open, close, or otherwise handle boxes, crates, containers, building materials, trash cans, dumpsters or similar objects between the hours of 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM so as to project sound across a real property line, except as exempted under Section 4, below.

B. Power tools. It shall be unlawful to cause a noise disturbance across a real property line by operating any mechanically powered saw, sander, grinder, drill, pneumatic nail or staple drivers, lawnmower or garden tool or similar device used outdoors, with the exception of snow blowers, before 7:00 AM Monday through Sunday.

C. Radios, television sets, musical instruments and similar devices. It shall be unlawful to operate, play or permit the operation or playing of any radio, television, phonograph, drum, musical instrument, sound amplifier or similar device which produces, reproduces or amplifies sound between the hours of 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance across a real property boundary.

D. For the purposes of Subsections B and C, above, a "noise disturbance" is sound which annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the reasonable quiet, comfort or repose of a reasonable person of normal sensitivities or the health or safety of others.

4. Exemptions.

The following uses and activities shall be exempt from this ordinance.

- 1) Noises of safety signals, warning devices and emergency pressure relief valves, when used for such purposes.
- 2) Noises resulting from any authorized vehicle when responding to an emergency call or acting in time of emergency.
- 3) Noises resulting from emergency and maintenance work as performed by the town, by the state or by public utility companies.
- 4) Noises resulting from activities of a temporary duration permitted by law and for which a license or permit therefore has been granted by the town.
- 5) Parades and public gatherings for which the Selectmen have issued a permit.

- 6) Any event licensed or issued a permit by the Board of Selectmen.
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

ARTICLE 25. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 25, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, in its first two years of operation, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has helped communities throughout New Hampshire preserve their natural, cultural and historic resources and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should maintain funding for LCHIP in its next biennial budget.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

ARTICLE 26. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 26, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following amendment to the Town of Rye Parking Ordinance, Section 6, enacted by the Selectmen at their meeting June 17, 2002: No person shall park a vehicle on the traveled portion of any highway or in a manner which is likely to impede free passage on any highway unless the vehicle is disabled and when told to do so by a police officer.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

ARTICLE 27. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 27, as follows:

On petition of at least twenty-nine registered voters of the Town of Rye, to have the polling hours for all regular state, federal and town elections be from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

ARTICLE 28. Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 28, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 2003.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

YES ☐ ☐
NO ☐ ☐

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

2003

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

MINUTES INCLUDE:

**WARRANT ARTICLES AS ORIGINALLY PRINTED
(EXCEPT ZONING AMENDMENT QUESTIONS)***

RECORD OF THE MEETING

AMENDMENTS, IF ANY, TO ARTICLES VOTED

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

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*** THE ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS
APPEAR ON THE SAMPLE BALLOT
THAT PRECEDES THIS REPORT**

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FEBRUARY 1, 2003 AND MARCH 11, 2003

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

At 9:10 a.m. on the first day of February 2003 at the Junior High School gymnasium, Moderator Daniel Hoefle called to order the Deliberative Session of the Annual Town Meeting. He introduced Boy Scouts Camden and Christopher Latimer, Travis Sellers and Sam Truslow who led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Hoefle began the meeting by reading the names of our friends and neighbors who died in 2002. A moment of silence in their memory was observed.

Mr. Hoefle introduced Selectmen Melvin R. Low, Joseph G. Mills, Jr. and Priscilla V. Jenness, Town Administrator Earl Rinker, Financial Administrator Grace Collette, Town Counsel Michael Donovan, and Town Clerk Jane Ireland.

The moderator announced the candidates for town office for the March 11th election.

Mr. Hoefle stated his rules for the meeting. He said even though he, as moderator, sets the rules and procedures, this is your meeting and you are free to change those rules. Everyone is invited to speak. Anyone wishing to speak should come to the microphone and identify himself. All comments should be directed to the moderator. He said we are here in the spirit of debate and asked that acrimony be eliminated or kept to a minimum. All amendments need to be in writing. All voters need to be checked in at the checklist and receive a card. We'll be voting by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is requested. Five voters present may request a secret ballot by written request; seven voters present may seek a recount of a voice vote or a hand vote, after a vote is taken. We will follow the articles as they appear on the Warrant unless a request to take them out of order is made. Any ruling he makes as moderator can be challenged by this deliberative session, and any motion anyone wishes to make will be entertained.

Moderator Hoefle made the following announcement

"A petition has been received by the municipality protesting the adoption of a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance. The amendment which is the subject of the protest petition appears as Article 4 on the official town warrant and is Article 4 on the official ballot which will be voted upon at the town meeting scheduled for March 11, 2003. A copy of this notice has been posted at the polling place.

As a result of the receipt of this protest petition, a two-thirds vote of the town meeting will be required to pass the zoning amendment."

The moderator read Article 6.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to be placed in the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund for the acquisition of conservation easements or open space lands by the Town, all for the permanent protection of appropriate undeveloped land in the Town of Rye, and to authorize the Conservation Commission and Selectmen to act on behalf of the Town in connection with such acquisition of conservation easements or open space lands (subject to the hearings and procedural requirements of NH RSA Chapter 36-A) and to further authorize the issuance of not more than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) of bonds and or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA Chapter 33 as amended), and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon? (3/5 ballot vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
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It was **moved** by Mr. Mills, and seconded by Mr. Low, to place Article 6 on the floor for discussion.

Dana Truslow, Rye Open Space Committee member, said New Hampshire is the fastest growing state in the northeast and Strafford and Rockingham counties are the fastest growing counties in the state. She said this article will help protect and provide natural services to the town such as flood control, water quality, water supply protection, temperature moderation and drainage control. This article will help to protect the rural character of our town. "We all know that the town will grow", Mrs. Truslow said, "but this approach emphasizes smart growth." Mrs. Truslow said the committee feels it is consistent with the Master Plan and the recent town survey, which identified open space protection as extremely important. It will help moderate future tax increases by reducing stress on services to the community. It allows our residents to keep and productively use their family land while protecting open space and natural resource values. It will help to protect recreational opportunities and protect the natural resources in our fragile backlands. Much of our income depends on our visitors who enjoy the scenic beauty of our town. This will help to protect our town economy. Mrs. Truslow further stated that the emphasis of this article will be on the purchase of conservation easements where development rights are granted in perpetuity. This will also help to leverage additional land protection dollars from a variety of sources, including private donations, local funding, state funding, and federal sources, effectively doubling the amount we're able to use for land protection.

Mrs. Truslow said on average developed land costs about \$1.07 in services for each tax dollar, as opposed to \$.53 per tax dollar for undeveloped land taxed at the current use rate.

Mrs. Truslow explained a bond issue is like a line of credit. No interest accrues before the money is spent. Each project will be carefully considered and approved by the Board of Selectmen. Land protection projects take time and there will be much thought put into each purchase on the part of the town and the landowner. Bond issues will last for ten to twenty years

and each project will have it's own lifespan. This spreads out the tax impact over a very large population. Lastly, Mrs. Truslow stated that if we spent this all in one year, which we will not, the effect would be approximately 40 cents per thousand. We expect to spend usually less than a million dollars per year resulting in a tax impact of approximately 8 cents per thousand for each million dollars expended.

Bob Vincent asked for the very best estimate as to the tax consequences of the four constituent elements of our tax bill, including our contribution to the state education, local education, and to the county.

Selectman Low said at the end of the day we will be estimating the total effect all these warrant articles have on the tax bill and this will probably be delivered to you in the newsletter. He said further, the Selectmen are in favor of this warrant article. The Open Space Committee has worked on it for the whole year. They've looked at other towns that have passed this – North Hampton, Stratham among others. The important thing is those towns have not spent a great deal of this money so there has not been a history of a great acceleration on the tax bill.

Ray Jarvis, Chairman of the Open Space Committee, said the booming population is coming up from the south and in from the west, and is congregating in a dozen communities along the seashore. In the past, when very important parts of the land were threatened with development, there has been a reaction in the community, trying to save what's being threatened. Those towns are reacting, he said, and often it is too late. Mr. Jarvis said there is another part to the question about how much will it cost the town. He said the other part is how much is it going to cost the town if we don't do this. The life of the bond may be for fifteen years, but the life of a house is up to 150 years and over those 150 years we will always have that increased tax. This is one way to control the rate of increase in the future.

Bill Ladrie asked if the money would be used for non-buildable, wetland properties.

Mr. Jarvis responded that any monies expended would be to give the town the maximum benefit. There is no intent to purchase any land that is not developable. A set of criteria has been developed by other towns and organizations to identify the most important parcels of land.

Lester Stevens questioned the tax rate calculations. Ray Jarvis responded to his concern.

Ed Herlihy spoke in favor of this article, demonstrating the cost to the town caused by development.

Jim Raynes, Conservation Commission Chairman, said as of last year nineteen communities in the State of New Hampshire have passed warrant articles similar to this one. He said the Open Space Committee had a build-out study done by Rockingham County to see how many could be built in this town.

Mike Thiel was interested in the processes involved. Mr. Raynes said we will go through the build-out study to prioritize the land. The Open Space Committee is a sub committee of the Conservation Commission. They will forward their recommendations to the Conservation

Commission who will review it and forward it to the Board of Selectmen and they will hold a Public Hearing. Ray Jarvis added that once we have sound criteria and understand where the

important land is, then we need a willing landowner. At that point the recommendation goes to the Conservation Commission.

Maynard Young had a few questions. In response:

1. Dana Truslow said a qualified appraisal is done to determine the value of the land;
2. Jim Raynes said \$450,000 is available in the Land Acquisition Fund, but \$60,000 is committed on a 95 acres tract, and \$200,000 for another piece;
3. Mel Low said \$40.23 per \$100,000 would be the cost if we spend the whole five million in one year;
4. Ray Jarvis estimated the town's total area to be twenty-two square miles. He said the build out study showed 1900 lots could be built on.

Brian Berry said he has three children and he is grateful for the almost \$350,000 the town spent for 13 years of education each. He said he cannot live long enough to repay the town through his property tax for what it cost to educate his children. Mr. Berry also pointed out that much of the land we think is undevelopable now could become prime land 10 years from now. We have to protect our open spaces now.

Ed Herlihy *motioned to move the question*, seconded by Paula Snyder.

The moderator explained that moving the question would eliminate any further debate. He called for a **Show of Hands** on the motion. *Motion passed.*

The moderator ordered Article 6 placed on the ballot as it appears.

It was moved and seconded to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 6. Show of Hands. The moderator declared the *motion passed*

The moderator read Article 7.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three million three hundred thousand dollars (\$3,300,000) for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new Fire and Police Station and authorize the issuance of not more than one million six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,650,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereof and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye, and further, to apply

for and accept Federal and State Grants and private donations in the amount of one million six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,650,000) towards this purpose bringing the total to \$3,300,000. (3/5 ballot vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
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It was **moved** by Mr. Low, seconded by Mr. Mills, to place this article on the floor for discussion.

Gary Dodds said he would like to briefly speak to the article, and then asked if the architectural and engineering firm could be allowed to make a brief presentation and slide show. Mr. Hoefle ascertained there was no disagreement from those in attendance.

Mr. Dodds said we are asking for \$1,650,000, only half of the money for the project, and for the authority to go out and get federal, state and private donations to match that aspect of the project.

Following Mr. Dodd's comments, the architectural firm presented slides demonstrating a conceptual plan for the project.

Upon completion of the presentation, Gary Dodds explained that adding together the \$1,650,000 we're asking for from this article and the \$485,000 from the following article, the total cost of the project will be 2.2 million dollars. He said the \$80,000 in Article 9 is included in there. The reason it is broken out is it will be used as a credit because we cannot access those monies until we have the matching part of the project. In other words, he said, we're not going to spend any money until we have our portion of the \$1,650,000 along with the town's portion.

Bill Ladrie asked what would happen to the existing house on the property at 551 Washington Road.

Gary Dodds said there are two options. One is to move it adjacent to the Parsonage Apartments and have the Housing Partnership take it over. The second option would be to sell it and use the money as a credit toward the project.

In response to a question about the projected operating costs, the architect pointed out the present buildings are far from energy efficient and predicted the operating costs should improve.

Edward Herlihy commended the committee for all their hard work and said while he recognized the need for a new public safety building, he contended now is not the time to do it. He reminded the audience we're in tough financial times. Mr. Herlihy offered an **amendment to Article 7** to reduce the amount from \$3,300,000 to zero. His motion was seconded by Mr. Quirk.

Mrs. Snyder said the point of this article is to get the authority to borrow the money and to apply for federal and state grants.

Upon advice of Town Counsel, Mr. Herlihy and Mr. Quirk agreed to change the amendment by revising the zero amount to one dollar.

The moderator called for discussion on the amendment.

Lester Stevens warned that if we get matching funds there may be strings attached.

The moderator clarified with Mr. Herlihy that his intention was to change only the dollar amount from \$3,300,000 to \$1.00 and leave the rest of the article the way it was written.

Bill Ladrie felt it will cost more later.

Guy Chichester wanted to know if we can pass this article, with or without the amendment, and gather the money and be prepared, but not be locked into this project.

Marty Quirk spoke in favor of the amendment because we can't afford this right now. He said it's time to hold the line.

Bob Papp wanted to know if this amendment would still authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow 1.65 million. Moderator Hoefle attempted to clarify Mr. Herlihy's amendment and stated the article as it would read, if amended.

"To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new fire station."

Mr. Herlihy concurred.

Frank Drake said he is not going to vote for this amendment because he wants to hear a little bit more about the presentation and debate it a little bit more.

Janet Brown said she'd like to see this on the ballot so we have better representation of the wishes of the town. She noted that it does require a 3/5 vote to pass and she urged defeat of the amendment.

Bob Vincent said he certainly shares the concern for escalating taxes. He mentioned the possibility of receiving Homeland Security grants based on our seacoast location.

Paula Snyder said this only gives us the authority to apply for these grants so that any monies we receive reduces the cost to the town. In response to an inquiry from Mrs. Snyder, Atty. Donovan said the amendment essentially only appropriates \$1.00 and eliminates the authorization to go out for bonds and eliminates the authority to apply for federal grants.

Gary Dodds noted the current fire department structure was built in 1954. He explained that if you zero it out we can't go looking for matching funds. He said he knows the tax rate is going up but it's not our fault the town has grown since 1954.

Guy Chichester again asked if we pass this amendment, in any way are we still locking into this plan? The moderator replied, “no”. Mr. Chichester asked then, if the amendment is rejected and we go on, will there be additional opportunities for more amendments? The moderator replied, “certainly”. Mr. Chichester inquired further, and if we pass them will we be locked into this particular design and this particular expense? Moderator Hoefle then clarified, saying if you pass the amendment you will authorize the town to spend \$1.00, effectively gutting the article. If you defeat the amendment the main article will then be up for further discussion and subject to additional amendments.

It was **moved** and seconded to move the question. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion declared passed.**

The moderator called for a **vote on the amendment to Article 7. SHOW OF HANDS. Amendment is declared DEFEATED.**

The moderator called for further discussion on Article 7.

Jane Holway, Chairman of the Historic District Commission, said the commission has concerns with regard to the size and scale of this project as well as the proposed lighting.

Jane Langley wanted to know if we would have any future input into the design of this project, to which Gary Dodds responded that this is an on-going process and all conceptual to this point. He said his committee wants the input of the Historic District Commission and wants the design to fit in with the overall character of Rye. He said they will be working further with the Planning Board and if necessary the Board of Adjustment, as well as the Selectmen.

Jim Woodbridge noted that the country is facing potential war with Iraq and with North Korea, and that the state and federal budgets are out of control. All these promises of grants could be easily rescinded. He said he felt we must defer and take responsibility for keeping our budget or even reducing our budget in this town.

Doug Nelson questioned the location of the project.

Mike Thiel was concerned so little attention has been paid to the operating costs.

Guy Chichester mentioned that his property abuts the Fire Station yet he has received no notice of what is going on. He finds the project unnecessarily large, unnecessarily situated on the site, and overwhelming in scale to the rest of the buildings in the center. He'd like to see another design brought forward that is much more modest and more appropriate for our time.

In response to a question from Randy Werner, Gary Dodds said 3.3 million is the total amount for the project. We're asking the townspeople for \$1,650,000. We're going to come up with the other half. Then you've got \$485,000 for the land. You add in \$80,000 for architectural

and engineering fees, it totals 2.2 million we're asking for from the townspeople. There are three separate articles because if this article fails, we could still acquire the land and work from there. Mr. Dodds reiterated, this is all conceptual.

The architect defended the conception, speaking of the many requirements involved with such a project.

Mark Josephs, Historic District Commission representative to the Fire Station Committee, said he felt the committee did a thorough job on this project, but his concern was that a public safety complex of this size in the very sensitive center of Rye would be overwhelming. He thought other sites should still be considered.

Bill Ladrie wanted to know who was paying the taxes on this property while we're negotiating. Paula Snyder said the next article addresses the proposal to purchase the land, which is still owned by the Govoni's, and the taxes are being paid.

Robert Pilon said he would vote against this article, although he is not against the concept. He felt we should consider a different place.

Guy Chichester **moved to amend** Article 7 by changing \$3,300,000 to one million dollars, and the \$1,650,000 to \$500,000. Dr. Josephs seconded the motion.

Moderator Hoeffle clarified that this would change the numbers in the last sentence of the article similarly.

Following discussion on the proposed amendment, Jack Tobey **motioned to Move the Question**, seconded by Mr. Ladrie. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion is declared passed.**

After restating the article with the proposed amendment, the moderator called for a vote on the amendment. **SHOW OF HANDS. Amendment is DEFEATED.**

It was **moved** and seconded to **Move the Question**. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion is declared passed.**

The moderator ordered Article 7 placed on the ballot as it appears.

Paula Snyder **moved**, and Bill Ladrie seconded her motion, to **Restrict Reconsideration of Article 7**. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion is declared passed.**

The moderator read Article 8.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$485,000) for the purpose of purchasing land for the construction of a new Fire and Police Station and to authorize the issuance of not more than four

hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$420,000) of bonds and or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereof and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds and or notes, as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye, and further to withdraw sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) from the Land Purchase Capital Reserve established for this purpose, bringing the total to \$485,000. (3/5 ballot vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
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It was **moved** by Mr. Low and seconded by Mrs. Jenness, to place Article 8 on the floor for discussion.

Gary Dodds explained the article and said he hoped for an affirmative vote.

Lester Stevens questioned the value of the property compared with the town's assessment.

It was **moved** and seconded to **Move the Question. SHOW OF HANDS.** Motion is declared passed.

The moderator ordered Article 8 placed on the ballot as it appears.

It was **moved** and seconded to **Restrict Reconsideration** of Article 8. *no vote taken*

The moderator announced that he had just been informed by Town Counsel that we should not restrict reconsideration because it would be wise to clarify that article 8 is restricted to the Govoni parcel.

It was **moved** and seconded to **Reconsider Article 8. SHOW OF HANDS.** Motion is declared passed.

Paula Snyder **moved to amend Article 8** by adding the words "for the purpose of purchasing land at 551 Washington Road ...". Mr. Dodds seconded her motion to amend.

Atty. Donovan said he believes it is the intent of the article that it is only for this one piece of land and not to give a blanket authorization of \$485,000. He said if you don't clarify it, and it is passed, the town would have a blanket authorization of \$485,000. He thought it was important the intent of the article be clear.

Following discussion on the amendment, the moderation called for a vote on the amendment. **SHOW OF HANDS. Amendment PASSES.**

There being no further discussion on this article, **the moderator ordered Article 8 placed on the ballot as amended.**

It was **moved** by Paula Snyder, seconded by Gary Dodds, to **Restrict Reconsideration** of Article 8. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion carries.**

Selectman Joe Mills asked to be recognized. He said this year Selectman Melvin Low didn't file to run for election. Mr. Mills said "When anyone comes on you have differences of opinion and I can truly say Mel and I have locked horns many, many times." "But", he said, "I'm going to miss those locked horns come March." He spoke to Mel, saying "I really wish that you could have come back but I understand there's a grandchild in Vermont that's beckoning you to go to Vermont, and that's more important than the Town of Rye as far as I'm concerned."

Standing ovation.

Selectman Low responded "It's been an honor to serve. I thank you for all the support I've got from many people in town. I think of people who've helped us in the past, people that are missing like Bruce Walker, and people like Dick Porter who served on the committee. But the people in this town have been so great and I encourage others to serve. It's been a fun, fun job. I'll miss it. I know we've got great people working for this town too. You know, we miss a few mail boxes here and there but we get through these small, little quarrels." "But", he said, "I'm going to continue to serve on the Planning Board I hope. It's a great town, and as Hillary says, 'it takes a village' to run a town for people and to be concerned for their needs. Thank you very much."

Mr. Mills presented Mel with the book The History of Rye. He said the inscription is dated February 1st, 2003. Mr. Mills read the dedication: "We present this book to Melvin R. Low with grateful appreciation from the citizens of Rye and your fellow board members for six years of dedicated service as Selectman, Town of Rye, New Hampshire."

In closing, Mr. Mills said "For Mel Low there is not a person he could not find some good in. No matter how bad that person was, he always found some good in that person!"

The moderator read Article 9.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to be added to the non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, established by Article 11 of the 2002 Rye Town Meeting to hire an architect/engineer to design a new fire station. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the building is complete or December 31, 2005, whichever is less. If approved, this article only takes effect if Article 8 passes. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
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It was **moved** by Mr. Mills, seconded by Priscilla Jenness, to place this article on the floor for discussion.

Paula Snyder said \$80,000 is the necessary amount of money that we need for the detailed design for this project. This also allows us to come before the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment and before you people so you can have some input into exactly what will be placed on the property.

There being no further discussion, the moderator **ordered Article 8 placed on the ballot as written.**

It was **moved** by Paula Snyder, seconded by John Moynahan, to **Restrict Reconsideration** of Article 9. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion carries.**

The moderator read Article 10.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) pursuant to RSA 36-A:5 to be added to the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund. This fund is used to acquire land for the proper utilization of and protection of natural resources. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. If approved, this article will only take effect if Article 6 is not approved. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
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It was **moved** by Priscilla Jenness, seconded by Mr. Low, to place this article on the floor for discussion.

Jim Raynes spoke of recent acquisitions by the Conservation Commission.

Bill Ladrie wanted to know why Articles 6 and 10 are separate. Mr. Raynes responded we're hoping not to need this \$50,000.

There being no further discussion, the moderator **ordered Article 9 placed on the ballot as it appears.**

The moderator read Article 11.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to be added to the capital reserve fund established pursuant to the provisions of RSA 35:1 by Article 17 of the 2002 Rye Town Meeting for the purpose of upgrading, replacing or repairing the Town of Rye's computer hardware, associated equipment and computer software and related support. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

It was **moved** by Mr. Low, seconded by Mr. Mills, to place this article on the floor for discussion.

Selectman Low said he and Joe don't know anything about the computers but he knows it's needed. He referred the discussion to Town Administrator Earl Rinker.

Mr. Rinker said this simply keeps the fund total at about \$10,000, which is where we'd like to keep it in order to cover any serious computer problems. Last year we spent about \$2500 from this account, so we need to replace it.

There being no further discussion, the moderator **ordered Article 11 placed on the ballot as it is written.**

The moderator read Article 12.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund established pursuant to RSA 31:19-a by Article 14 of the 1990 Rye Town Meeting. The Town Employees Accumulated Leave Fund pays severance benefits to Town Employees in accordance with the Town's Personnel Policy. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
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It was **moved** by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Jenness, to place Article 12 on the floor for discussion.

Mr. Mills said this is basically a housekeeping article to keep the account up. He said he thought there was \$56,000 in that fund now. Three people retired this year and the account was depleted. Hopefully all the employees won't leave at the same time, and we can just try to add to this a small amount each year to cover our expenses.

Mike Thiel wanted to know if past practices with regard to payouts for sick leave and other benefits had been changed. Mr. Mills said all the contracts were corrected.

Following comments from Mr. Garceau with regard to benefits for Federal employees, the moderator ascertained there would be no further discussion on Article 12. He **ordered Article 12 placed on the ballot as written.**

The moderator read Article 13.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to add two (2) full time fire fighters in the Rye Fire Department and to raise and appropriate fifty-five thousand four hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$55,427) to fund the positions for the last seven months of calendar year 2003. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

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It was **moved** by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Jenness, to place Article 13 on the floor for discussion.

Selectman Mills said he asked the Chief to put this in. He said he monitors the calls to the Fire Department and he expressed his alarm with regard to the amount of time it often takes for the ambulance to respond. Mr. Mills said the town desperately needs two more firefighters.

Chief Blaisdell said this would give the department two full time firefighters 24 hours a day. At the present time there are two on during the day, but only one at night who's a volunteer firefighter. This would allow us to operate much like North Hampton, who have similar equipment and eight firefighters, two on a shift. North Hampton and Rye would be able to assist each other, but before we can do this we need to have uniform staffing.

Mr. Ladrie wanted assurance that new firefighters wouldn't be leaving shortly after the town has gone to the expense of training and equipping them. Chief Blaisdell responded saying anyone who signs on now has to sign a paper saying that if they leave within 18 months they will re-imburse the town for the training and time lost at their school.

There being no further discussion, the moderator **ordered Article 13 placed on the ballot as it is written.**

Moderator Hoefle read Article 14.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI established by Article 8 at the 1997 Rye Town Meeting for the purpose of engineering, designing and installing an overall drainage plan for the Town of Rye, updating the current drainage system. This is a non-lapsing appropriation that will not lapse until the project is complete or in five years (December 31, 2008), whichever occurs first. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
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It was **moved** by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Jenness, to place Article 14 on the floor for discussion.

Mr. Mills explaining this is a recurring article we place in the Warrant every year to try to straighten out drainage problems in the town.

Public Works Director Bud Jordan spoke about the various drainage problems within the town. He said it is an on-going project and he presents a plan to the Selectmen each year outlining which portions he will be trying to repair.

Mrs. Snyder questioned the date used for the non-lapsing appropriation, to which Mr. Rinker responded that he'd checked with the Department of Revenue Administration on this and he was told this is correct. Mrs. Snyder did not agree. Atty. Donovan said perhaps the misunderstanding may be that each year's article sets up a non-lapsing appropriation for that amount for which you can pick any date out there for five years. Each year's appropriation has it's own period of time basically. So this \$75,000 would have until December 31, 2008.

Mrs. Snyder felt the article didn't need the words "or in five years".

There being no further discussion, the moderator **ordered the article placed on the ballot as written.**

The moderator read Article 15:

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand seven hundred ten dollars ((\$40,710) for the purpose of purchasing a new One ton (3500 lb.) Pick-up Truck with Plow for the Department of Public Works to replace the 1993 103 Chevrolet Truck. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
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It was **moved** by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Low, to place this article on the floor for discussion.

Mr. Jordan explained his department actually needs two new trucks, but he was asked to choose the most necessary one in order to hold the budget to a lower amount.

Bill Ladrie expressed his support of the article and of the work done by the Highway Department.

There being no further discussion, the moderator **ordered Article 15 placed on the ballot as written.**

Paula Snyder **moved to reconsider Article 14**, seconded by Lester Stevens.

The moderator called for a vote. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion to reconsider is defeated.**

Mr. Mills **moved to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 14.** The motion was duly seconded. The moderator called for a vote. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion carries.**

Mrs. Snyder asked for a legal opinion. She said the article discussed at the Budget Committee's Public Hearing had a different date. Atty. Donovan said the Budget Committee's

role and recommendation relates to the amount of money and that's it. Other aspects of the wording of the article are not necessarily within the purvey of the Budget Committee. This is essentially what the Department of Revenue Administration has confirmed, so that it was not inappropriate for the Selectmen to change that date.

The moderator read article 16.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Recreation Building Capital Reserve Fund established pursuant to RSA 35:1 by Article 9 of the 1996 Rye Town Meeting. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

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It was **moved** by Mr. Low, seconded by Mrs. Jenness, to place Article 16 on the floor for discussion.

Gregg Mikolaitis, Chairman of the Recreation Commission, said the commission has had a plan since 1998 to upgrade that facility to year round use. About two years ago we spent about \$30,000 to upgrade the building. Currently the account has \$39,000. This additional \$10,000 allows the committee to move forward with completing the work started two years ago. We're looking at putting a small addition on the building to increase our capacity.

Selectman Low said the money we're spending on the Rec is money well spent.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator **ordered Article 16 placed on the ballot as written.**

Gregg Mikolaitis **moved to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 16.** Gina Connors seconded his motion. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion carries.**

The moderator read Article 17.

ARTICLE 17. Petitioned Warrant Article to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) to design and construct tennis courts on one acre of land in the approximately five-acre portion of the Town Recreation Area located north and west of the current soccer fields. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
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Gregg Mikolaitis **moved**, and Gina Connors seconded, to place Article 17 on the floor for discussion.

Mr. Mikolaitis explained the need for tennis courts and said the Recreation Commission unanimously supports the petitioned article. He said this is a one-time authorization and future upkeep costs would be picked up by the programs.

Mr. Ladrie felt this was not the time to be building tennis courts in Rye.

Following further discussion with regard to this article, it was **moved** by Mr. Mills to move the question, seconded by Frank Drake. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion carries.**

The moderator **ordered Article 17 placed on the ballot as written.**

It was **moved** and seconded to **Restrict Reconsideration of Article 17. SHOW OF HANDS. Motion carries.**

The moderator read Article 18.

ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling five million six hundred seven thousand four hundred seventy-five dollars (\$5,607,475). Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be five million two hundred fifty-four thousand nine hundred one dollars (\$5,254,901) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required.)

NOTE: This warrant article does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.

It was **moved** by Mr. Low, seconded by Mrs. Jenness, to place Article 18 on the floor for discussion.

John Moynahan, Budget Committee Chairman, noted that the default budget is not something the Budget Committee comes up with.

Mr. Low **moved** to **amend the default budget** amount to be **\$5,136,668**. Mrs. Jenness seconded the motion to amend. Mr. Low said this is a correction.

The moderator called for a vote on the proposed amendment. **SHOW OF HANDS. Amendment to change the default budget amount carries.**

Selectman Mill **moved to amend the bottom line** of the budget to add to account 4196, line 12 Insurance, \$15,045 (he said they just learned the rates have gone up), and to 4153-08-462 another \$20,000 for legal fees. That would bring the **bottom line to \$5,642,520.**

Selectman Low seconded the motion to amend.

Mr. Mills discussed various legal cases before the town.

Moderator restated the amendment and called for a vote. **SHOW OF HANDS. Amendment carries.**

Following discussion on the budget in general, the Moderator Hoefle said the article now has a new operating budget of \$5,642,520 and a new default budget of \$5,136,668. He **ordered Article 18 placed on the ballot as amended.**

It was **moved** by Mr. Mills to **Restrict Reconsideration**, seconded by Randy Crapo. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion carries.**

The moderator read Article 19.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to sell the building at 10 Olde Parish Road, Rye, NH, otherwise known as the Town Historic Museum, to the Rye Historical Society for the amount of one dollar (\$1.00), so long as the building is used as a Town Museum by the Rye Historical Society. The building was moved to its present site at Olde Parish Road pursuant to a Town vote on Article 4 of the October 14, 1997 Special Town Meeting, and its intent was to allow the Rye Historical Society to rehabilitate the building and keep it for a museum to preserve various Town artifacts and historical items.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

It was **moved** by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Low, to place Article 19 on the floor for discussion.

Mr. Low said this goes back to 1997 when this property was acquired by the library expansion. The Selectmen decided to offer this building to the Historical Society rather than either destroy or move it. He said we paid \$5000 of town funds to move the building with the understanding the Historical Society would raise their own funds to fix up the building, to preserve the historical artifacts of this town, which they have done. Mr. Low said they got an empty shell and they raised \$74,000. We want to transfer the title of the building, not the land, and the responsibility of maintaining that building. We think this is a win/win situation. If they cease to carry out the functions of the Historical Society of Rye, the property reverts to the town.

Following comments from Bonnie Goodwin and Alex Herlihy, the moderator **ordered Article 19 placed on the ballot as written.**

The moderator read Article 20.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 261:153(VI), to collect a fee of up to five dollars (\$5.00) in addition to motor vehicle registration fees, for the purpose of supporting a municipal and transportation improvement fund, which shall be a capital reserve fund established for this purpose and governed by the provisions of RSA 35. The amount collected

shall be deposited into the municipal transportation improvement fund established to allow the Town of Rye to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation. The funds may be used for engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction costs of transportation facilities, and for operating and capital costs of public transportation only. The funds may be used as matching funds for state or federal funds allocated for local or regional transportation improvements. Such funds shall be appropriated by the legislative body of the Town of Rye for the purposes stated in this warrant article only, and shall not be used to offset any other non-transportation appropriations made by the Town of Rye. The maximum fee charged shall be five dollars (\$5.00.) The Town shall establish the required fee, up to the maximum amount allowable, based on anticipated funding needs for transportation improvements. The additional fee shall be collected from all vehicles, both passenger and commercial, with the exception of all terrain vehicles as defined in RSA 215-A:1, I-b and antique motor vehicles or motorcycles, as defined in RSA 259:4. (Majority vote required.)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

It was **moved** by Mr. Low and seconded by Priscilla Jenness, to place Article 20 on the floor for discussion.

Mr. Low said when we were faced with the Statewide Property Tax increase of approximately \$600,000, we got together in a Department Head meeting and tried to come up with ideas for increasing fee income. He said the town registers 7,000 vehicles and this gives us additional monies we could accumulate and use for transportation methods. In the town wide survey done this year, people indicated they wanted sidewalks and bicycle paths. This would be a way to pay for part of a project such as that.

Jack Tobey said he is against this. He **moved to amend** the \$5.00 to one cent, seconded by Paula Snyder.

Following discussion with town counsel, the moderator stated Mr. Tobey's amendment would in essence in the first line, add the word "not", changing it to "To see if the town will vote pursuant to RSA 261:153 (VI) *not* to collect a fee of up to five dollars ..."

Mr. Tobey concurred with the moderator's interpretation.

Following lengthy discussion, it was **moved** and seconded to move the question. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion carries.**

The moderator read the article with the proposed amendment.

He called for a vote on Mr. Tobey's amendment. **SHOW OF HANDS.** The moderator counted the raised hands and declared the **amendment DEFEATED.**

Bob Vincent presented an **amendment** adding the words “land-based motor” to the last sentence in the article, so that it would read “The additional fee shall be collected from all *land-based motor* vehicles, both passenger and commercial, ...”

His motion was seconded by Mr. Isaacson.

Mr. Vincent explained he was seeking clarification and specificity. Vehicles could include aircraft or motorboats.

There being no further discussion or comment to the amendment, the moderator called for a vote. **SHOW OF HANDS. Amendment carries.**

Mr. Garceau attempted to **amend** the article by adding the words “except trailers” in the last sentence.

Town Counsel Mike Donovan ruled the motion to amend invalid because it would narrow the intention of the statute. He said you must collect it on everything that is eligible or you don’t have the fee.

Mr. Low **moved** to amend the article by removing the words “*up to*” from the first line so it will be clear it’s to be \$5.00, and on the second page, five lines from the bottom delete the sentences that read “*The maximum fee charged shall be five dollars (\$5.00) The Town shall establish the required fee, up to the maximum amount allowable, based on anticipated funding needs for transportation improvements.*”

Priscilla Jenness seconded Mr. Low’s motion to amend Article 20.

Atty. Donovan said it is a technical amendment to simply make it clearer that the fee is \$5.00.

The moderator called for a vote on the amendment. **SHOW OF HANDS. Amendment carries.**

There being no further discussion, the moderator **ordered Article 20 placed on the ballot as amended.**

The moderator read Article 21.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town, having a Master Plan adopted by the Planning Board on April 14, 1998 and amended on October 13, 1998, will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Capital Improvement Program Committee, which shall include at least one member of the Planning Board and may include but not be limited to other members of the Planning Board, members of the Board of Selectmen, members of the Budget Committee, members of the School Board and other town residents, to prepare and amend a recommended

program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least six years in accordance with RSA 674:5?

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

It was **moved** by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Jenness, to place Article 21 on the floor for discussion.

Robert Brown explained the purpose of this is to see what the outlook is for big-ticket items.

There being no further discussion, the moderator **ordered Article 21 placed on the ballot as written.**

The moderator read Article 22.

ARTICLE 22. Shall we adopt the August 1 prior to the setting of the tax rate as the date for filing for an elderly exemption from the property tax? Majority vote required.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

It was **moved** by Mrs. Jenness and seconded by Mr. Mills, to place Article 22 on the floor for discussion.

Mrs. Jenness said currently the filing date for the elderly exemption is March 1st. By voting for an extension it will give people a chance to receive their first tax billing before the filing date.

Lester Stevens urged passage of the article.

There being no further discussion, Moderator Hoefle **ordered Article 22 placed on the ballot as written.**

The moderator read Article 23.

ARTICLE 23. Shall we modify the Elderly Exemptions from property tax in the Town of Rye, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 74 years of age, \$75,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 79 years of age, \$90,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$105,000? To qualify a person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$40,000, or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$59,900 and own assets not in excess of \$199,000, excluding the value of the person's residence. Majority vote required.

It was **moved** by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Low, to place this article on the floor for discussion. Lester Stevens thanked Bea Marconi from the Assessing Office for supplying him with information. He said this \$30,000 is going to cost each of us 2.2 cents per thousand.

Mr. Garceau's proposed amendment to increase the asset amount to \$950,000 failed for lack of a second.

Selectman Mills **motioned** to move the question, seconded by Paula Snyder. The moderator called for a vote. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion carries.**

The moderator **ordered Article 23 placed on the ballot as written.**

It was **moved** by John Moynahan to suspend the reading of Article 24. So moved.

ARTICLE 24. Are you in favor of the adoption of a Noise Ordinance as follows:

1. Between the hours of 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM, it shall be unlawful for any person owning, leasing, operating or controlling the source of sound to make, allow or continue any sound which would: (a) endanger or injure the health of humans; or (b) annoy, disturb, injure or endanger the peace, comfort or repose of a reasonable person of normal sensitivities by the operation of any radio, phonograph or other mechanical sound device or instrument or in the playing of any band, orchestra, musician or group of musicians or in the use of any device to amplify the aforesaid, or the making of loud outcries, exclamations, other loud or boisterous noises, or loud and boisterous singing by any person or group of persons or in the use of any device to amplify the aforesaid noise where the noise is clearly audible at the property line of the property from which the noise is generated. Any person violating this section shall be punished by a civil penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a first offense, two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for a second offense, three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for a third offense and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each subsequent offense within a 24 month period. Each such act which constitutes a violation of this section, which either continues or is repeated more than thirty (30) minutes after the issuance of a warning to cease said activities, shall be considered a separate offense and shall be prosecuted as a separate offense.

2. Notice to Owner of Rental Property

If the violation occurs on the premises of rental property, the owner and/or his agent of said property must be notified in writing by certified mail that a violation of Section 1 has occurred on said rental property, and that a complaint for violation of said section may be taken against him if said property owner and/or his agent fail(s) to mitigate the activities of the person or persons who have rented said property.

3. Other Prohibited Noises

A. Loading and unloading. It shall be unlawful to load, unload, open, close, or otherwise handle boxes, crates, containers, building materials, trash cans, dumpsters or similar objects between the hours of 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM so as to project sound across a real property line, except as exempted under Section 4, below.

B. Power tools. It shall be unlawful to cause a noise disturbance across a real property line by operating any mechanically powered saw, sander, grinder, drill, lawnmower or garden tool or similar device used outdoors, with the exception of snow blowers, before 7:00 AM Monday through Sunday.

C. Radios, television sets, musical instruments and similar devices. It shall be unlawful to operate, play or permit the operation or playing of any radio, television, phonograph, drum, musical instrument, sound amplifier or similar device which produces, reproduces or amplifies sound between the hours of 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance across a real property boundary.

D. For the purposes of Subsections B and C, above, a "noise disturbance" is sound which annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the reasonable quiet, comfort or repose of a reasonable person of normal sensitivities or the health or safety of others.

4. Exemptions.

The following uses and activities shall be exempt from this ordinance.

- 1) Noises of safety signals, warning devices and emergency pressure relief valves, when used for such purposes.
- 2) Noises resulting from any authorized vehicle when responding to an emergency call or acting in time of emergency.
- 3) Noises resulting from emergency and maintenance work as performed by the town, by the state or by public utility companies.
- 4) Noises resulting from activities of a temporary duration permitted by law and for which a license or permit therefore has been granted by the town.
- 5) Parades and public gatherings for which the Selectmen have issued a permit.
- 6) Any event licensed or issued a permit by the Board of Selectmen.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

It was **moved** by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Low to place this article on the floor for discussion.

Chief Gould said there is a problem with noise and this is a common sense, common courtesy kind of ordinance.

Mr. Ladrie asked if this would be difficult to enforce. Chief Gould said he felt this would be easier to enforce than many others he has seen.

John Wasserlein said he favors this but he was concerned with motorcycle noise. He **moved** to add a new section E. *"It shall be unlawful to operate a motorcycle in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance across a real property boundary at any time"*. His motion was seconded by Bob Vincent.

Chief Gould said we already have a local ordinance pertaining to motor vehicles which does include motorcycles and it is very similar to the language just put forth.

The moderator called for a vote on the amendment. **SHOW OF HANDS. Amendment fails.**

Robert Brown **moved to amend Article 24** to add the words “*pneumatic nail or staple drivers*” to Section 3, B. Power Tools. That section would then read “Power Tools. It shall be unlawful to cause a noise disturbance across a real property line by operating any mechanically powered saw, sander, grinder, drill, *pneumatic nail or staple drivers*, lawnmower or garden tool or similar device used outdoors, with the exception of snow blowers, before 7:00 a.m. Monday through Sunday.”

His motion was seconded by Mrs. Brown.

There being no discussion on the amendment, the moderator called for a vote. **SHOW OF HANDS. Amendment carries.**

The moderator **ordered Article 24 placed on the ballot, as amended.**

The moderator read Article 25.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, in its first two years of operation, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has helped communities throughout New Hampshire preserve their natural, cultural and historic resources and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should maintain funding for LCHIP in its next biennial budget.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

It was **moved** by Mrs. Jenness, seconded by Mr. Mills, to place this article on the floor for discussion.

Mrs. Jenness said LCHIP is an independent state authority that provides matching grants to New Hampshire municipalities and non profit organizations to conserve and protect new Hampshire’s most important natural, cultural and historic resources. Since 2001, nine million has been awarded to 68 projects in 59 communities. 108 other NH towns and cities have already passed a warrant article or a resolution on LCHIP.

It was **moved** and seconded to Move the Question. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion carries.**

The moderator **ordered Article 25 placed on the ballot as written.**

The moderator read Article 26.

Mr. Moynahan moved to suspend the reading of Article 26.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following amendment to the Town of Rye Parking Ordinance, Section 6, enacted by the Selectmen at their meeting June 17, 2002: No person shall park a vehicle on the traveled portion of any highway or in a manner which is likely to impede free passage on any highway unless the vehicle is disabled and when told to do so by a police officer.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

It was **moved** by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Low, to place Article 26 on the floor for discussion.

There being no discussion, Moderator Hoefle **ordered Article placed on the ballot as written.**

Mr. Vincent **moved to reconsider** Article 26. His motion was seconded. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion to reconsider Article 26 fails.**

Mr. Isaacson **moved to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 26, seconded by Mr. Ladrie. SHOW OF HANDS. Motion carries.**

The moderator read Article 27.

ARTICLE 27. On petition of at least twenty-nine registered voters of the Town of Rye to see if the Town will vote to change the polling hours for all regular state, federal and town elections, presently 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., so that polls shall open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

It was **moved** by Mr. Mills and seconded by Mrs. Jenness, to place this article on the floor for discussion.

Mr. Mills **offered an amendment**, saying “I move to amend Warrant Article 27 to have the polling hours for all regular state, federal and town elections be from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.”

His motion was seconded by Mrs. Jenness.

Mr. Mills said this amendment puts it back to the way it was before. If you change the hours the way this warrant article is you’re going to have to put on a second crew to handle the elections. He said it would extend the worker’s hours to from approximately 5:30 – 6:00 o’clock in the morning to probably 11:00 o’clock in the evening. He asked for support to leave the polling hours the way they are.

Lester Stevens agreed with the amendment.

Mr. McDonough felt the need to provide as much access as possible. He thought not everyone knew that absentee ballots are an option. He thought other communities were open later than this, and he said he opposed the amendment.

Paula Snyder said she is one of the workers at the polls and thirteen hours doing the checking and registering makes for a very long day. For your information, there are a total of 236 communities in New Hampshire. Of that 145, or 61%, have polling hours the same as ours, 8 in the morning to 7 at night. 23% have various hours – usually 7 to 7. Mrs. Snyder said absentee ballots are available and that information is put out for the public. She said extending the hours would also mean an increase in costs. She thanked Mr. Mills for his amendment.

Mr. Mills asked how many absentee applications we had last year. The response was 600 for the town election, out of a total 1400 or 1500 voters.

In response to questions from Randy Crapo, Mr. Mills said there were 29 people on that petition. Only one of them is present at this meeting. He said this article wouldn't effect the budget until 2004.

It was **moved** by Paula Snyder, seconded by Mr. Mills, to Move the Question. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion carries.**

Moderator Hoefle restated the article as amended.

The moderator called for a vote on the amendment. **SHOW OF HANDS. Amendment carries.**

The moderator **ordered Article 27 placed on the ballot as amended.**

Paula Snyder **moved to Restrict Reconsideration**, seconded by Mr. Mills. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion carries.**

The moderator read Article 28.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 2003.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

It was **moved** by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Low, to place this article on the floor for discussion.

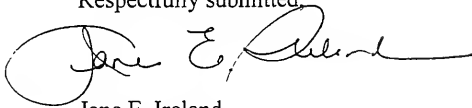
There being no discussion, the moderator **ordered Article 28 placed on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Hoefle asked if there was any other business to come before this Deliberative Session.

Mrs. Snyder wished to thank the 29 people who remained through the entire 5 ½ hours of this meeting.

The moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jane E. Ireland".

Jane E. Ireland
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

A true record, ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jane E. Ireland".

Jane E. Ireland
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Transcribed from tape

BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: RYE

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This is to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on the (date) _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

Charles L. Maynard
James M. Maynard

Carol A. Snyder
John R. Snyder
John R. Snyder

R. J. Lincich

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603) 271-3397

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ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3 V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139	Executive		225,454	246,837	247,596	249,120	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		16,125	18,205	12,925	12,725	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4150-4151	Financial Administration		285,306	268,256	352,814	327,078	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4152	Revaluation of Property						XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4153	Legal Expense		60,000	109,328	80,000	80,000	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4155-4159	Personnel Administration						XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		100,506	84,665	100,696	81,005	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4194	General Government Buildings		47,786	45,174	48,648	48,598	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4195	Cemeteries		65,000	74,251	80,000	80,000	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4196	Insurance		94,980	105,453	102,980	102,980	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		38,935	38,935	39,121	39,121	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4199	Other General Government		109,196	108,471	104,460	104,460	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214	Police		629,611	642,594	691,693	688,902	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4215-4219	Ambulance		77,246	65,612	79,109	79,109	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4220-4229	Fire		471,466	422,699	471,820	471,820	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4240-4249	Building Inspection		64,588	66,020	93,933	91,880	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4290-4298	Emergency Management		11,650	9,299	12,150	12,150	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4299	Other (Including Communications)						XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
4301-4309	Airport Operations						XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
HIGHWAYS & STREETS								
4311	Administration						XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4312	Highways & Streets		704,098	690,326	792,128	739,720	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4313	Bridges						XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX

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	HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX

4316	Street Lighting		3,000	3,252	3,666		3,666	
4319	Other							

SANITATION								
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection		159,114	149,677	165,221		171,988	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		107,143	119,371	117,800		117,800	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							

WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other							

ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							

HEALTH/WELFARE								
4411	Administration		4,556	4,306	4,556		4,556	
4414	Pest Control		91,734	68,558	89,994		89,994	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other							
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		49,849	24,405	49,849		49,849	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							

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			XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
CULTURE & RECREATION							
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		288,260	268,663	386,580	377,642	8,938
4550-4559	Library		420,848	381,974	424,116	424,398	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		4,600	4,877	5,350	5,350	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		500	729	1,400	1,300	100
CONSERVATION							
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		394,091	366,923	331,191	281,000	50,191
4619	Other Conservation						
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING						
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT						
DEBT SERVICE							
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		50,250	57,281	39,825	39,825	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		10,000		10,000	10,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service				56,790	56,790	
CAPITAL OUTLAY							
4901	Land						
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		45,857	45,893	276,652	73,132	203,520
4903	Buildings						
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.						
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT							
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		26,000	49,391	38,000	50,000	
4913	To Capital Projects Fund						
4914	To Enterprise Fund		511,559	464,720	506,517	506,517	
	Sewer-						
	Water-						

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OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.								
	Electric-							XXXXXXXXXX
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund				113,500		25,000	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917							88,500
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Agency Funds							
SUBTOTAL 1			5,279,308	5,116,145	6,041,080		5,607,475	454,178

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes				
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		2,500	4,580	4,500
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		60,000	82,844	75,000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		900	1,878	900
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		1,000,000	1,110,200	1,018,000
3230	Building Permits		120,000	126,608	140,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		27,000	32,425	44,760
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		360,000	445,430	250,400
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		28,332	54,253	
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		150,500	150,500	150,500
3353	Highway Block Grant		101,726	101,726	101,725
3354	Water Pollution Grant		422,773	348,901	402,782
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement			96	
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		19,506	1,745	20,000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		4,500		
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		190,000	262,397	145,885
3409	Other Charges		75	50	50
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property			282	
3502	Interest on Investments		45,000	63,485	60,000
3503-3509	Other		35,000	38,477	30,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		26,000	49,391	216,214
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

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ACCT.#		SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.				XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds					
	Sewer - (Offset)					
	Water - (Offset)					
	Electric - (Offset)					
	Airport - (Offset)					
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds			80,000		
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds			65,000	74,251	80,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes					8,785,000
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")					
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes					
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS				2,738,812	2,949,519	11,525,716

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	5,254,901	6,041,080	5,607,475
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	815,000	9,052,500	9,040,000
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	160,098	96,137	96,137
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	6,229,999	15,189,717	14,743,612
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	2,738,812	11,525,716	11,525,716
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	3,491,187	3,664,001	3,217,896

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 564,826

(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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	Conservation Land/Fund	8	200,000	200,000	50,000		50,000	
	Fire Bldg Design	4	100,000	20,602	80,000		80,000	
	Fire Land Cap. Res.		75,000	75,000				
	Computer Cap. Res.	10	10,000	10,000	2,500			2,500
	Road Drainage Non-Lap	5	75,000	45,921	75,000		75,000	
	Employee Lv Fund	6	70,000	70,000	50,000		50,000	
	SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	see pg 6-A	XXXXXXX	see pg 6-A	XXXXXXXXXX

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements, leases or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX		XXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3.VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	Rec. Bldg. Cap. Res.	11	10,000	10,000	10,000			10,000
	Conservation Land Bond	1			5,000,000		5,000,000	
	Fire/Police Bldg Bond	2			3,300,000		3,300,000	
	Land Purchase Bond	3			485,000		485,000	
	Tennis Courts	12			160,000			160,000
	SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	9,052,500	XXXXXXXXX	9,040,000	XXXXXXXXXX

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	2-FireFighters	7			55,427		55,427	
	1-Ton Dump/Plow	9			40,710		40,710	
	SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	96,137	XXXXXXXXX	96,137	XXXXXXXXXX

BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

(For Calculating 10% Maximum Increase)

(RSA 32:18, 19, & 32:21)

VERSION #1: Use if you have no Collective Bargaining Cost Items or RSA 32:21 Water Costs

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: RYE FISCAL YEAR END 12/31/2003

	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1. Total RECOMMENDED by Budget Comm. (See Posted Budget MS7, 27, or 37)	14,743,612
LESS EXCLUSIONS:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	158,750
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	47,865
4. Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds & Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b.	8,785,000
5. Mandatory Assessments	103,735
6. Total exclusions (Sum of rows 2 - 5)	< 9,095,350 >
7. Amount recommended less recommended exclusion amounts (line 1 less line 6)	5,648,262
8. Line 7 times 10%	564,826
9. Maximum Allowable Appropriations (lines 1 + 8)	6,213,088

Line 8 is the maximum allowable increase to budget committee's recommended budget. Please enter this amount on the bottom of the posted budget form, MS7, 27, or 37.

Please attach a copy of this completed supplemental schedule to the back of the budget form.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Rye
Rye, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Rye, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Rye has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Rye as of December 31, 2002, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 31, 2002 on our consideration of the Town of Rye's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Town of Rye
Independent Auditor's Report

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Rye taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Rye. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements. All such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Gregory A. Colby, CPA

January 31, 2003

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Professional Association

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Group
December 31, 2002

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>	<u>Account Group</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Trust and Agency</u>	<u>General Long-Term Debt</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
<u>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</u>						
<u>Assets</u>						
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 6,216,071	\$ 309,984	\$ 3,519	\$ 264,472		\$ 6,794,046
Investments	838,445	406,379	653	2,701,935		3,947,412
<u>Receivables (Net of Allowances For Uncollectible)</u>						
Interest	5,424					5,424
Taxes	552,216					552,216
Accounts	24,890	57,291				82,181
Intergovernmental		13,256				13,256
Interfund Receivable	11,633	88,095	1,000	6,279,739		6,380,467
Voluntary Tax Liens	37,648					37,648
Voluntary Tax Liens Reserved Until Collected	(37,648)					(37,648)
Inventory	6,357					6,357
Prepaid Items	378,420	4,310				382,730
<u>Other Debits</u>						
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt					3,830,677	3,830,677
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$ 8,033,456</u>	<u>\$ 879,315</u>	<u>\$ 5,172</u>	<u>\$ 9,246,146</u>	<u>\$ 3,830,677</u>	<u>\$ 21,994,766</u>

EXHIBIT A (Continued)
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Group
December 31, 2002

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>	<u>Account Group</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Trust and Agency</u>	<u>General Long-Term Debt</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>						
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Accounts Payable	\$ 89,100	\$ 1,695	\$	\$ 9,507	\$	\$ 100,302
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	46,848					46,848
Contracts Payable	14,460					14,460
Retainage Payable		33,159				33,159
Intergovernmental Payable	20,763	31,752		6,599,437		6,651,952
Interfund Payable	6,365,113	3,899		11,455		6,380,467
Escrow and Performance Deposits				91,208		91,208
Deferred Tax Revenue	2,144					2,144
Other Deferred Revenue	812	79,582				80,394
General Obligation Bonds Payable					3,115,000	3,115,000
Compensated Absences Payable					313,877	313,877
Accrued Landfill						
Postclosure Care Costs					<u>401,800</u>	<u>401,800</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>6,539,240</u>	<u>150,087</u>		<u>6,711,607</u>	<u>3,830,677</u>	<u>17,231,611</u>
<u>Equity</u>						
<u>Fund Balances</u>						
Reserved For Encumbrances	268,076	264,591	275,000			807,667
Reserved For Endowments				1,761,626		1,761,626
Reserved For Inventory	6,357					6,357
Reserved For Special Purposes			4,172	772,913		777,085
<u>Unreserved</u>						
Designated For Contingency	500,000	50,000				550,000
Designated For Special Purposes		414,637				414,637
Undesignated (Deficit)	<u>719,783</u>		<u>(274,000)</u>			<u>445,783</u>
Total Equity	<u>1,494,216</u>	<u>729,228</u>	<u>5,172</u>	<u>2,534,539</u>		<u>4,763,155</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$ 8,033,456</u>	<u>\$ 879,315</u>	<u>\$ 5,172</u>	<u>\$ 9,246,146</u>	<u>\$ 3,830,677</u>	<u>\$ 21,994,766</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Expendable Trust</u>	
<u>Revenues</u>					
Taxes	\$ 3,184,177	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3,184,177
Licenses and Permits	1,275,917				1,275,917
Intergovernmental	324,190	483,108			807,298
Charges for Services	285,419	412,436			697,855
Miscellaneous	105,528	32,428	688	35,281	173,925
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>					
Operating Transfers In		706,750		165,000	871,750
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>5,175,231</u>	<u>1,634,722</u>	<u>688</u>	<u>200,281</u>	<u>7,010,922</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>					
<u>Current</u>					
General Government	946,082			11,246	957,328
Public Safety	1,264,940	52,106			1,317,046
Highways and Streets	693,050				693,050
Sanitation	282,485	128,115			410,600
Health	72,864				72,864
Welfare	24,405				24,405
Culture and Recreation	271,757	461,411			733,168
Conservation	9,996	1,633			11,629
Debt Service	155,038	372,350			527,388
Capital Outlay	387,395	639,390	1,306	44,277	1,072,368
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>					
Operating Transfers Out	819,318		1,920	36,803	858,041
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>4,927,330</u>	<u>1,655,005</u>	<u>3,226</u>	<u>92,326</u>	<u>6,677,887</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	247,901	(20,283)	(2,538)	107,955	333,035
<u>Fund Balances - January 1</u>	<u>1,246,315</u>	<u>749,511</u>	<u>7,710</u>	<u>649,777</u>	<u>2,653,313</u>
<u>Fund Balances - December 31</u>	<u>\$ 1,494,216</u>	<u>\$ 729,228</u>	<u>\$ 5,172</u>	<u>\$ 757,732</u>	<u>\$ 2,986,348</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002

3-C Other Receivables

Receivables at December 31, 2002, consisted of accounts (billings for user charges, sewer and other receivables), and intergovernmental receivables arising from grants.

Receivables are recorded on the Town's financial statements to the extent that the amounts are determined to be material and substantiated not only by supporting documentation, but also by a reasonable, systematic method of determining their existence, completeness, valuation, and collectibility.

Amounts due at December 31, 2002 are as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Interest	\$ 5,424	\$	\$ 5,424
Accounts	49,703	58,041	107,744
Intergovernmental		13,256	13,256
Liens	37,648		37,648
Allowance for Unavailable or Uncollectible Amounts	<u>(62,461)</u>	<u>(750)</u>	<u>(63,211)</u>
<u>Net Total Receivables</u>	<u>\$ 30,314</u>	<u>\$ 70,547</u>	<u>\$ 100,861</u>

3-D Interfund Balances and Transfers

Interfund balances at December 31, 2002 consist of overdrafts in the pooled cash and investments, budgetary transfers or short-term interfund loans which are expected to be repaid within one year.

Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances at December 31, 2002 are as follows:

	<u>Interfund Receivable</u>	<u>Interfund Payable</u>
General Fund	\$ 11,633	\$ 6,365,113
Special Revenue Funds	88,095	3,899
Capital Projects Funds	1,000	
Trust Funds		11,455
Agency Fund	<u>6,279,739</u>	
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 6,380,467</u>	<u>\$ 6,380,467</u>

TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002

Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2002 consisted of the following:

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
General Fund	\$	\$ 819,318
Special Revenue Funds	706,750	
Capital Projects Funds		1,920
Trust Funds	<u>165,000</u>	<u>50,512</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 871,750</u>	<u>\$ 871,750</u>

3-E Intergovernmental Payable

Amounts due to other governments at December 31, 2002 consist of:

<u>General Fund</u>		
Fees and other items due to other governments		\$ 20,763
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		
<u>Sewer Department</u>		
Fees due to the Town of Hampton		31,752
<u>Trust Funds</u>		
<u>Expendable - Capital Revenue</u>		
Balance of funds belonging to the		
Rye Water District	\$ 138,497	
Rye Beach Precinct	8,641	
Rye School District	<u>101,036</u>	
		248,174
<u>Expendable - Other</u>		
Balance of funds belong to the		
Rye Water District	\$ 21,065	
Rye School District	<u>50,459</u>	
		71,524
<u>Agency Fund</u>		
Balance of 2002-2003 assessments due to the		
Rye School District	\$ 3,100,785	
State of New Hampshire	<u>3,178,954</u>	
		<u>6,279,739</u>
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$ 6,651,952</u>

TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002

3-F Deferred Revenue

General Fund

Deferred revenue of \$2,956 at December 31, 2002 consists of \$2,144 tax payments received to be applied to the 2003 commitment, and various other amounts totaling \$812.

Sewer Department Fund

Deferred revenue of \$79,582 at December 31, 2002 represents \$79,548 of State Aid to Water Pollution Projects receipts which are to be applied to the bond payment due in 2003, and other amounts totaling \$34.

3-G Long-Term Debt

Changes in the Town's long-term obligations during the year ended December 31, 2002, consisted of the following:

	Balances <u>January 1, 2002</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balances <u>December 31, 2002</u>
General Obligation Debt	\$ 3,445,000	\$	\$ 330,000	\$ 3,115,000
Compensated Absences	282,612	31,265		313,877
Accrued Landfill				
Postclosure Care Costs	<u>394,500</u>	<u>7,300</u>		<u>401,800</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 4,122,112</u>	<u>\$ 38,565</u>	<u>\$ 330,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,830,677</u>

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 2002, is comprised of the following:

	Original <u>Amount</u>	Issue <u>Date</u>	Maturity <u>Date</u>	Interest Rate <u>%</u>	Outstanding at <u>December 31, 2002</u>
<u>General Obligation</u>					
<u>Bonds Payable</u>					
Sewer Construction*	\$ 4,400,000	1991	2012	5.60-6.75	\$ 2,200,000
Old Parsonage Land and					
Building Acquisition	\$ 500,000	1996	2006	5.625	200,000
Library Addition	\$ 859,139	1999	2014	4.0-4.5	<u>715,000</u>
					<u>3,115,000</u>
<u>Compensated Absences Payable</u>					
Vested Sick Leave					197,225
Accrued Vacation Leave					<u>116,652</u>
					<u>313,877</u>
<u>Accrued Landfill</u>					
<u>Postclosure Care Costs</u>					<u>401,800</u>
Total General Long-Term					
Debt Account Group					<u>\$ 3,830,677</u>

*This debt is being paid by the Sewer Fund.

TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of December 31, 2002, including interest payments, are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending December 31.</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2003	\$ 330,000	\$ 178,480	\$ 508,480
2004	330,000	159,407	489,407
2005	330,000	140,060	470,060
2006	330,000	120,438	450,438
2007	280,000	100,565	380,565
2008-2012	1,400,000	243,075	1,643,075
2013-2014	<u>115,000</u>	<u>5,032</u>	<u>120,032</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 3,115,000</u>	<u>\$ 947,057</u>	<u>\$ 4,062,057</u>

All debt is general obligation debt of the Town, which is backed by its full faith and credit and will be repaid from general governmental revenues.

Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs

The Breakfast Hill Road/Route 1 Landfill was closed in 1986 and requires postclosure care monitoring. Based on the time of operation of the Grove Road Landfill, and water quality results to date, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has indicated the Town is not required to perform closure construction of the landfill at this time. If groundwater quality at the site were to become further impacted by the landfill, the Town would be required to re-evaluate the closure or implement other measures. No liability is being recognized for closure construction as there is no indication at this time that it will be required. State laws and regulations require that the Town perform monitoring functions at this site.

The estimated liability for landfill postclosure care costs for both landfills is \$401,800 as of December 31, 2002 and is based on the amount that would be paid if all equipment, facilities and services required to monitor and maintain the landfills were acquired as of December 31, 2002. However, the actual cost of postclosure care may be higher or lower due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in landfill laws and regulations.

The Town expects to finance the postclosure care costs by State grants and general tax revenue, as well as a Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose which has a balance of \$69,906 at December 31, 2002.

3-H

State Aid to Water Pollution Projects

Under N.H. RSA Chapter 486, the Town receives from the State of New Hampshire a percent of the annual amortization charges on the original costs resulting from the acquisition and construction of sewage disposal facilities.



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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Rye
Rye, New Hampshire

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Rye as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002, and have issued our report thereon which was qualified as indicated therein dated January 31, 2003. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Rye's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants; noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 02-01.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town of Rye's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgement, could adversely affect the Town of Rye's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. The reportable condition is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 02-02.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe the reportable condition described above is a material weakness.

Town of Rye

*Report on Compliance and on Internal Control over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit
of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards*

This report is intended solely for the information of management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

January 31, 2003

Gregory A. Collyer, CPA

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Rye
Rye, New Hampshire

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Town of Rye with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2002. The Town of Rye's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the Town of Rye's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion of the Town of Rye's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Town of Rye's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Town of Rye's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Town of Rye complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2002. However, the results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance with those requirements that is required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 02-04.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the Town of Rye is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town of Rye's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

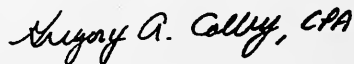
Town of Rye

*Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program
and Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133*

We noted a matter involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over compliance that, in our judgement, could adversely affect the Town of Rye's ability to administer a major federal program in accordance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. The reportable condition is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 02-03.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions, and accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we do not believe the reportable condition described above is a material weakness.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



January 31, 2003

PLODZIK & SANDERSON
Professional Association

*SCHEDULE I
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002*

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

A. Financial Statements

1. The auditor's report expresses a qualified opinion on the financial statements.
2. There was one material weakness identified relating to the internal control over financial reporting.
3. There were no reportable conditions identified which were not considered material weaknesses relating to the internal control over financial reporting.
4. There was one instance of noncompliance material to the financial statements identified.

B. Federal Awards

1. There were no material weaknesses identified relating to the internal control over major programs.
2. There was one reportable condition identified which was not considered a material weakness relating to the internal control over major programs.
3. The auditor's report on compliance for major programs expresses an unqualified opinion.
4. Audit findings required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133 are reported in Section III of this Schedule.
5. The program tested as a major program is CFDA No. 66.606: Surveys, Studies, Investigations and Special Purpose Grants.
6. The threshold for distinguishing between Types A and B programs was \$300,000.
7. The Town of Rye was not determined to be a low-risk auditee.

**Auditor
Reference
Number**

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

02-01

Criteria: New Hampshire RSA 41:29 for Town Treasurers states in part "At least yearly, the selectmen shall review and adopt an investment policy for the investment of public funds in conformance with the provisions of applicable statutes." Likewise, RSA 31:25 for Trustees of Trust Funds states in part "The trustees shall formally adopt an investment policy for all investments made by them or by their agents for any trust funds in their custody. Such investment policy shall be reviewed and confirmed at least annually."

Condition: The audit disclosed that neither the Selectmen nor the Trustees of Trust Funds have a formally adopted investment policy.

SCHEDULE I (Continued)
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002

Effect: The Town is not in compliance with RSA 41:29 and RSA 31:25.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Board of Selectmen and the Trustees of Trust Funds each formally adopt investment policies and review them on an annual basis.

02-02 Criteria: The objective of a proper internal control system is to provide management with reasonable but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss, from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Condition: A new finance manager was hired in October of 2002. From that time forward, she has been preparing the Town for the required implementation of GASB #34 effective December 31, 2004, in addition to learning a new software system. However, while the time was needed to learn the computer system and the GASB #34 preparation is commendable, some of the daily and monthly tasks were not completed in time for audit. Some additional time had to be spend by the auditors to reconcile the various balance sheet accounts.

Effect: Without adequate procedures for monitoring the overall performance of the accounting system, it is possible that deterioration may occur which could result in the Town's inability to detect errors or irregularities on a timely basis.

Recommendation: We recommend that monthly reconciliations of the balance sheet accounts of the Town's various funds be done. In addition, we recommend that at least quarterly, monitorings of the system be performed to assist the finance manager in maintaining the accounting records in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency passed through the State of New Hampshire Office of State Planning: CFDA No. 66.606: Surveys, Studies, Investigations and Special Purpose Grants

02-03 Criteria: Internal controls over allowable costs and cost principles should include verifying that all payments are made in accordance with the terms of properly approved contracts. Included in the terms of the contract between the Town and the contractor performing the restoration work, was a stipulation that ten percent of the contractor's earnings would be withheld as retainage pending the completion of the job and certification that all subcontractors had been paid.

Condition: Testing showed that the retainage as of December 31, 2002 on expenditures of \$381,936.50 should have been \$38,193.65; but only \$27,000.00 had been retained.

SCHEDULE I (Continued)
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002

Effect: The terms of the contract have not been followed, and there was no evidence that the contract had been amended.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Town management take steps to ensure that the terms of all contracts are followed or formally amended.

02-04

Criteria: Requirements over procurement, suspension, and debarment state that contractors receiving individual awards for \$100,000 or more must certify that the organization and its principals are not suspended or debarred.

Condition: The Town did not show that it had received any certification as described above from the contractor performing the restoration work.

Effect: The Town is not in compliance with the requirements over procurement, suspension, and debarment.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Town obtain a certification immediately as work is still ongoing, and that it make sure that all required certifications are received in the future, prior to awarding any contracts. We further recommend that the Town have a paid employee or outside service administer federal grants to ensure that all requirements are followed.

SCHEDULE II
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002

<u>FEDERAL GRANTOR/PASS THROUGH GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Grantor's/ Pass Through Grantor's Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION			
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION			
Passed Through the State of New Hampshire <u>Department of Safety</u>			
<u>State and Community Highway Safety</u>			
Radar	20.600	315-02A-010	\$ 1,745
Safety	20.600	315-02A-063	<u>1,634</u>
PROGRAM TOTAL			<u><u>3,379</u></u>
Alcohol Traffic Safety and Drunk Driving Prevention Incentive Grants	20.601	308-02A-038	<u>1,325</u>
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY			
Passed Through the State of New Hampshire <u>Office of State Planning</u>			
<u>Surveys, Studies, Investigations and Special Purpose Grants</u>			
Awcomin Marsh Restoration	66.606	X98143104	<u>381,936</u>
DIRECT FUNDING			
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE			
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	16.607	02009695	<u>297</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u><u>\$ 386,937</u></u>

The note to schedule of expenditures of federal awards is an integral part of this schedule.

TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTE TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
DECEMBER 31, 2002

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting whereby transactions are presented in the same way as they are included in the financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

In 2001, the Coalition Communities (the so-called donor towns) challenged the statewide education property tax (*Sirrell v. State*, 146 NH 364). Rockingham County Superior Court ruled the law unconstitutional, but the judgment was overturned on appeal by the State. The N. H. Supreme Court upheld the provisions of the legislation but also concluded that the State needed to implement enforcement measures to ensure that municipalities complied with Part II, Article 6 of the State Constitution. That section specifies in part that 'there shall be a valuation of the estates within the state taken anew once every five years, at least, and as much oftener as the general court shall order'.

Although that obligation has existed for over 200 years, it had not been strictly enforced. Now the situation has been rectified. As a result of the above cited case, the general court (the Legislature) has responded to the Supreme Court's concern by enacting a number of measures to assure compliance. These include establishment of an Assessing Standards Board (ASB) and an Equalization Standards Board (ESB): the former to institute criteria for uniform assessing practices and qualifications of assessing personnel; the latter to formulate uniform requirements for every assessing jurisdiction. The result is that within the next five years every community must attain certification from the State's Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). For Rye, the certification year is 2005.

What that means to Rye, and all N.H. communities, is that the practice of assessments remaining unchanged from one revaluation to another, other than for property alterations, will no longer be acceptable. Instead, all taxing jurisdictions will annually undertake sales ratio studies to track fluctuations in value by neighborhoods and by strata, which refers to classes of property such as vacant land, residential or commercial structures and mobile homes. By means of statistical analysis, valuations will be factored up or down as reflected by the real estate market. For the certification year 2005, Rye must be in compliance with the criteria established by the ESB. Failure to comply could result in an order from the State Board of Tax and Land Appeals for revaluation at Town expense.

Implementation of the process will require verification of the database in order to insure its validity. To accomplish this, a sampling of properties will be visited in each of the years leading up to the year of certification. The inspection by assessing staff will include exterior measurement of buildings and listing of interior features. This will entail additional Town expenditures. The DRA has deemed these are not mandated costs to be borne by the State as the requirement has long been explicit in the Constitution. However, the Assessing Standards Board is compelled to study and recommend to the Legislature whether the municipalities should be reimbursed for such expenses. At the outset, being only two years from 2005, inspections will focus on properties involved in open market transactions to ascertain exactness of the records, as sales are the benchmark of the statistical study. Taxpayers may also request an inspection if entrance was not made during the 2001 evaluation or if the owner feels the data is inaccurate. Taxpayers were extremely cooperative during that period and we trust such a relationship will continue with the understanding that the goal is accuracy and fairness.

The certification standards to attain appraisal uniformity involve maintaining a median ratio between 90 and 100% with 90% confidence level in the year of certification and a coefficient of dispersion (COD) not greater than 20 (subject for a future article). Subject to certification compliance are annual maintenance and conformity of records: tax maps, current use, exemptions, credits, abatements, etc.

Neither reformulation nor repeal of the statewide education property tax would change the constitutional requirement referenced in my opening paragraph. The Board of Selectmen and town office staff express our appreciation to property owners in adjusting to this transition which will be a learning experience for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted, Howard Promer, Assessor and Beatrice Marconi, Clerk

BEACH COMMISSION'S REPORT

The three Beach Commissioners are appointed by the selectmen for one, two and three year terms respectively. They serve to 1) assist the selectmen in hiring a Beach supervisor, 2) provide liaison between selectmen and beach personnel, 3) ensure performance of prescribed duties by the supervisor and 4) oversee the annual budget. Safety and cleanliness are top priorities of the beach commission. Rye's three town beaches include Pirates Cove (south of Wallis Sands, Cable and Sawyer's Beach.

The summer of 2002 was particularly busy and also safe despite a record number of heat waves (more than 3 consecutive days of 90+ temperatures) often with high surf conditions. Excessive heat drove higher numbers of bathers into the water and our lifeguard staff worked diligently to ensure swimmers' safety during dangerous surf conditions. Police and Fire Departments met with the guards to review proper procedures in the event of emergency. Shark sightings at Wells Beach caused the commission and lifeguards to maintain vigilance and we are pleased to report that no sightings occurred off the Rye coast.

From a budgetary standpoint, we provided full coverage throughout the summer. We upgraded our lifesaving equipment and added a kayak, while remaining under budget. Change of the chemical toilet vendor saved nearly \$3000 offset, unfortunately, by escalation of the trash barrel contract. In an effort to reduce costs, we are considering a "carry in-carry out" policy for 2003. This is now policy at NH State beaches and it seems to work well.

Maintenance of a superior lifeguard staff is a challenge because each year the selection process begins anew. We were fortunate in 2002 with the return of one full time lifeguard and one part time guard. Advancements in our program attracted quality applicants including Bruce Butterworth, who came to us with 32 years of experience with the State of NH. Our conditions of employment require every guard to sign a set of newly revised regulations and safety requirements designed to ensure public safety which is our primary concern. Daily workouts were conducted at Pirates Cove or Cable Road beach consisting of swimming, running, calisthenics, training drills and mock rescues. The American Red Cross CPR refresher training course was conducted in early June ensuring up-to-date certifications. Although we try to accommodate guard schedule requests, adequate daily staffing is of utmost importance. (The last two weeks of summer as school opening nears is most difficult.) In mid-July, we met with selectmen and other department heads to review and update ordinances. In 2003, we plan a training camp and tryouts for prospective lifeguard candidates as means to hiring the highest caliber guards. If you know of anyone interested in a lifeguard position, please have him/her contact the Rye Selectmen's office (964-5523).

We plan to hold a Beach Clean-up Day in late May/early June and encourage you to join us in taking pride in Rye's beautiful beaches. We hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to serving the residents of Rye again next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Sanborn, Chairman

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Board of Adjustment consists of five members who are appointed by the Selectmen for a three-year term. The appointments are staggered in order to insure the continuity of the Board. The qualifications to serve on the Board are the same as for those in any other position of trust in a municipality: time, an interest in serving, impartiality, and a willingness to understand the process. The current members are: Frank Drake, Chairman; Benjamin King, Vice-Chairman; Betty Menson, Clerk; and Jay Nadeau. The alternates are John Clark, Patricia Weathersby, and Raymond Jarvis.

The power and duties of the Board of Adjustment are prescribed by NH State Law and delineated in the Rye Zoning Ordinance. The Board has the authority to act in four separate and distinct categories: Appeal from Administrative Decision; Approval of Special Exception; Grant of Variance; and Grants of Equitable Waivers of Dimensional Requirements.

Appeals: To hear appeals from administrative decisions where it is alleged that the Zoning Officer has incorrectly applied the terms of the Ordinance.

Special Exceptions: To decide special exceptions to the Ordinance which are specially delineated in the Ordinance. The granting of a special exception is a matter of right, not a privilege provided that: the request is not injurious or detrimental to the neighborhood; it is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Ordinance; and meets all of the rules and requirements of the exception.

Variances: To authorize upon appeal, in specific cases, variances from the terms of the Ordinance provided that all five of these conditions can be met:

1. Proposed use would not diminish the value of abutting property;
2. Granting the variance will not be contrary to the public interest;
3. a. The zoning restriction, as applied to the property, interferes with the reasonable use of the property considering the unique setting of the property in its environment;
b. No fair and substantial relationship exists between the general purposes of the zoning ordinance and the specific restrictions of the property;
c. The variance would not injure the public or private rights of others;
4. Granting the variance would do substantial justice;
5. The proposed use is not contrary to the spirit of the Ordinance.

Equitable Waivers of Dimensional Requirements: The Board may grant an equitable waiver only for existing dimensional non-conformities provided the applicant can meet the required standards as listed in the Zoning Ordinance.

The Board of Adjustment has a 2002 budget appropriations of \$9,396 and revenues of \$5,195. The Board had 62 applications this year.

The members and alternates are to be commended for their consistent participation, attendance and attention to the details of the many petitions presented each year

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Drake, Chairman

BUDGET COMMITTEE'S REPORT

At our April meeting the following officers were elected: John W. Moynahan, Chairman; Paula S. Snyder, Vice-Chairman; Jack Tobey, Clerk.

The Budget Committee meets during the year to review the revenues and expenditures as required by law. This provides us the opportunity to follow the financial condition of the Town and ask questions in areas of concern. The Town seems to be adding more employees each year which ultimately increases the operating budget and alarms the Budget Committee.

The two previous years we started the budget process early to alleviate the last minute rush with the end of the year closing of the Town books. This year we set a deadline of October 1st to receive the entire Town budget and it didn't happen. During the year, instead of our planned one day session, the Budget Committee held four all day sessions and several evening meetings over a period of 3 months to be able to recommend a budget to the Towns people. It proves interesting that the School Department, which prepares their budget six to eighteen months ahead, presents a complete budget in tact and on time. Each year we are told "things will be different next year".

On behalf of the Committee, I thank all the Departments and Commissions for their support throughout the budget process. A special 'thank you' to Nancy Weiland, Executive Secretary for all her extra help during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Moynahan, Chairman

A glimpse into our past: *Rye on the Rocks, The Tale of a Town*, William M. Varrell, 1962

On November 19, 1873, the former Methodist church, purchased by the Town for \$1,000, was dedicated as our new Town Hall with a gala celebration. Later a poem was written by Thomas I. Varrell entitled ABOUT THE DEDICATION which contained, in part, the following verses:

*We've many people here in Town who've money at their call,
Who voted last Town Meeting Day, to build a new Town Hall.
"And now the new Town Hall is built" is everybody's cry,
For everything is lovely and the goose hangs high.*

*Then Emmons he got up, and talked unto the people,
About how much the building cost, the hall, the bell, the steeple;
And as he finished up his speech, a happy man was he,
As he turned to the Selectmen, and delivered up the key*

*Some folks are hauling seaweed, and others pressing hay,
And some are chopping cord wood at ninety cents a day.
So none of us are idle, for there's work enough to do,
To keep us from the County-House, and pay our taxes too.*

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The office is open to the public Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Afternoons are reserved for previous appointments only. The Building Inspector may be conducting inspections during these morning office hours but Sue Dunfey, Building and Planning Assistant, is here and quite capable of answering most inquiries.

Estimated construction cost increased over 13%, which indicates the voluminous amount of regulations and restrictions have not impacted residents desire to improve their houses. Fees collected also increased to \$128,861.

Septic issues remain a troublesome area for many people. The State and Town do not allow any expansion to your house if you cannot design a new septic system that meets all State and local regulations without waivers. According to officials, the typical septic system can be expected to efficiently operate for 15-20 years. As a result, many residents have been required to replace their systems in order to expand.

Fences, sheds, siding, roofing and septic systems are a few of the projects requiring permits that are sometimes overlooked. If you have a project coming up, please call our office for more details on what is required for a permit application submittal.

Table comparing recent years - Construction Projects:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Est. Construction Cost	\$13,416,831	\$11,630,000	\$14,052,647
Blg. Permit fees	\$128,861	\$123,280	\$135,020
New Homes	12	10	25
Garages	18	10	30
Shed/barn/outbldgs	17	15	18
Decks	30	25	30
Additions	30	36	38
Internal Renovations	43	78	45
Electrical	87	96	85
Plumbing	61	56	63
Septic systems	15	23	21
Demolish Structure	25	14	9
Fence/Stonewall	35	34	36
Pools	5	3	7

Enforcement cases continue to be challenging. We have successfully resolved the majority of the issues and continue to educate the public to avoid unnecessary problems.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Zarlengo
Rye Building Inspector

CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S REPORT

In 2002 the number of wetland applications that required conservation site inspections with owners and engineers increased. The Conservation Commission was able to maintain minimum impact in wetland buffer zones, and worked with the Planning Board to increase the wetland buffers in Rye.

The Conservation Commission mission statement is :

The Rye Conservation Commission is committed to the protection and proper utilization of Rye's natural resources. The Commission will serve as gatekeeper for environmental concerns in the Town of Rye and act as advisor to other municipal boards. The Commission will be a resource for information about Rye's natural resources and environmental welfare.

The Conservation Commission worked with the Planning Board and the Selectmen to settle the Whitehorse court case. The settlement included the purchase of one hundred acres of land adjacent to Berry's Brook and protection of this environmentally sensitive area. This reduced the number of houses to be built by thirteen, and gave us all the environmental protection that we had requested.

The Conservation Commission and the New Hampshire Coastal Program are completing another matching grant salt marsh restoration project. The Awcomin Salt Marsh Restoration is the largest project that has been started by the Conservation Commission. This project was postponed by Rye in 1999 when we were faced with the Army Corps of Engineers proposed cost of \$100,000 for engineering and the fact that the project would be too costly. The Office of State Planning worked with Rye to locate the required funds and the Natural Resources Conservation District completed the engineering for \$8,000. This project includes the removal of over 100,000 cubic yards of spoils placed on the marsh when Rye Harbor was dredged in the 1940's and 1960's, and restoration of over twenty-five acres of salt marsh. This project is more than 85% complete with the removal of at least 90,000 yards of spoils. After meeting with the permitting agencies, we have been allowed to have a handicapped access viewing area. We will also be building a trail in the adjacent woods to an island and have a raised viewing stand overlooking the marsh.

A very important project that was started this year was **Rye Open Space**. After the town questionnaire and visioning sessions the Selectmen appointed the Open Space Committee to function as a sub-committee of the Conservation Commission. This committee, with members of the Conservation Commission, meet twice a month and has had a Rye build out study completed by Rockingham Planning. By using this report we will be able to prioritize the parcels of land that we will try to get easements on. A series of newsletters are being sent to residents to inform them of this and to ask for their support and vote for Warrant Article 1. This Article will fund protection of the rural character of Rye, protect water aquifers, and save wildlife habitat for future generations.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the Conservation Commission for their dedication and hard work during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

James S. Raynes, Chairman

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S REPORT

2002 was a quiet year for emergency management in that we did not have to open the emergency operating center due to any town wide emergencies. We had a close call on Christmas Day with power out to a small section of Rye during the first of many snow storms.

Emergency operating center staff was very busy with ongoing training for each of the town's departments and personnel. Staff training included but was not limited to: traffic control management, siren activation, radiological, emergency operating center training, donations (what to do and handle in a large emergency) and continuing education on terrorism. Most training was done locally and all training was covered by grants from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency).

During the middle part of the year, the emergency operating staff had two full day exercises getting ready for a full day FEMA evaluation on how we, as a town, can handle our town's business during an emergency at Seabrook Station. We participated in this exercise with 36 other NH towns and state agencies.

The radios that the lifeguards utilize during their beach guard duties have been transferred to emergency management. These, with 6 radios received from the Rye Police Department, will bring the number of radios available to the guards to 10. During the remainder of the year, they will be utilized by all town departments as necessary.

We have received various grants during the town's CY2002 some of which runs into CY2003 due to the federal fiscal year. The largest of these grants is for radio maintenance and purchase of batteries. Doesn't sound like much, but the average cost of a battery for the portable radios is \$65 each with a life span of about 2 ½ years.

We would like to thank all departments for their willingness to participate in both training and exercises.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark N. Zartarian, Director

Kenneth Moynahan, Assistant

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, *circa 1875*

A glimpse into our past: *Rye on the Rocks, the Tale of a Town*, William M. Varrell, 1962

"Although Rye's history contains no entry of the loss of a great transatlantic liner with a death toll of hundreds.....many of the schooners and brigs which carried the commerce of the last century (1800's) met their fate here..... By the 1870's the wreck of the lumber schooner, Express, at Wallis Sands was only one of the many local wrecks that generated enough concern for Rye to be chosen as the site of one of the many Government Life Saving Stations to be built along the Atlantic Coast.....little more than a shack in which to store a surf boat." In 1874, a more permanent building, with living accommodations for a keeper and 6 to 8 member full time crew, was in place at Jenness Beach. In 1889, a second Station was built at Wallis Sands.

OF NOTE: "during the summer months when the Rye shores were teeming with city swimmers and bath-tub boatmen, the stations were closed for a two-month annual vacation, without pay."

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The year 2002 saw an increase in demand for emergency services both fire and medical related. With the increase for service also has come a need for increased training to meet both state and federal requirements to be certified firefighters and E.M.T.'s. The department has met the demands and will continue to move forward to provide the best services possible. Much of the training effort in 2002 was put into vehicle extrication due to the changes in vehicle construction and the purchase of a hydraulic rescue tool. This was in addition to the normal fire and E.M.S. training held twice a month.

Due to the need to change the specifications on the new truck, it will not arrive until the middle of March. It will be in service as soon as training and equipment transfers can be accomplished and provide a high level of safety for the firefighters as well as the residents of Rye. As the plans progressed on the truck, some modifications to the building became necessary. These changes were made at minimal cost, thanks to the voluntary efforts of the members of the department, but resulted in curtailed training area.

The changes to the truck and building plus added training requirements emphasize the need for an expanded facility that will meet the needs of the town for many years to come. To this end the building committee has worked tirelessly for the past several years and this year the voters will have a chance to decide on a new safety facility for the fire and police. Please come to the station at any time to examine the proposed plans, view the existing building and ask questions you might have.

I would like to thank all town boards, departments and commissions, area departments and the residents of Rye for their assistance and support over the past year. As always, a very special thanks to all members of the RYE FIRE DEPARTMENT. Without your help many things (especially the wall relocation) could not have been accomplished.

This year the department responded to 677 calls for assistance and performed 90 inspections resulting in the issuance of 77 permits. The inspections were down due to the need for the inspector to return to shift work including the time he was available to the public. The emergency responses were broken down as follows:

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>		<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
MEDICAL AID	351	384	HAZ-MAT CALLS	7	5
AMB. ASSISTS	26	31	SEARCH / RESCUE	9	3
STRUCTURE FIRES	4	5	ODOR / SMOKE	19	31
CHIMNEY FIRES	5	1	WATER PROBLEMS	13	10
OUTSIDE FIRES	27	33	PUBLIC ASSISTS	43	23
VEHICLE FIRES	4	5	WIRES DOWN	35	38
M/V ACCIDENTS	27	32	MUTUAL AID GIVEN	12	11
ALARM ACTIVATIONS	62	64	TOTALS	656	677

Respectfully submitted,

Leon C. Blaisdell, Chief
Rye Fire Department

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

The department investigated and/or extinguished 33 outside fires in 2002. All were minor in nature with no noticeable impact on the environment. Of the calls investigated, 5 were without permit. I would like to remind every one that a permit is required for all outside burning.

The total number of permits issued for outside fires in 2002 was 1050. While the number of permits was down from 2001, the number of calls was up. Please use caution when burning and remember that the fire must be attended at all times with adequate protection at the site.

Anyone that obtained an incinerator permit in 2002 is reminded that your permit expired on December 31, 2002. Effective January 1, 2003 a new law (RSA 125-N) prohibits the burning of residential trash. Over the past several years, the Department of Environmental Services has had a big impact on what materials can be burned. If you have any questions on permissible materials or other burning regulations please contact the fire department at 964-6411.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon C. Blaisdell, Chief
Rye Fire Department

Richard Corso
Fred Currier
Robert Drake
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RYE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

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Nickolas K.
Richard Locke
George T. Mahar, Jr.
Fred O. Miles
James Morrison, Jr.
James Muzerol
William H. Oeser
Cu. Richard H. Gaskell
Clinton Gaskell
Charles P. Gordon
Robert B. Goss
Everett Gould
E. Leroy Greene
Prescott Greene

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Neil B. Philbrick
Charles J. Rawding
Leighton Remick
Robert Seales
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Elmer H. Smith

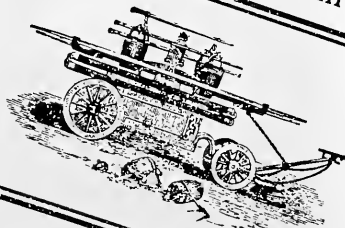
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Christopher Volkman
Raymond Walker
Frank Wilson, Sr.
Frank Wilson, Jr.
Robert Woods
Byron Curtis, Jr.

Frank D.
John W. Patrick
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Ralph Hammond
Philip Hammond
John P. Hayes, Jr.
James Hague
Ferdinand Hofm
Norman Jennes
William Jennes
Herbert Yearon
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PROGRAM OF DAY'S EVENTS

- 12:30 Formation of Parade of Fire Equip
Drake House.
Parade throughout the Town.
1:30 CONTESTS—Drake House La
1. Dry Hose Co
2. Wet Hose Co
3. Ladder Co
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Souvenir Program
1952
Fifth Annual Field Day
of the
RYE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.
Rye, New Hampshire



August 2, 1952
DRAKE HOUSE LAWN
RYE BEACH, N. H.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

2002 was an interesting and productive year for me as Health Officer. This year, as in previous years, I continued to monitor restaurants and other food vending establishments for any compliance issues that occurred pertaining to State health codes. Any violations that arise are dealt with in concert with State and Town officials as are deemed necessary. I have also continued to periodically inspect childcare facilities and this year, due to a change in jurisdictions, I also inspected Odiome State Park's day camp facilities.

The West Nile Virus has continued to be a concern for Rye as well as for other areas in New Hampshire and the nation. In New Hampshire, 451 birds were tested for West Nile Virus, of which 119 were positive. Fortunately, no birds or mosquitoes were positive in Rye. Approximately 100 people were tested for the Virus in New Hampshire but none were positive. We will need to continue to monitor for this potential problem and to stress the need for eliminating areas of standing water.

The immunization status regarding Hepatitis B and rabies, as it pertains to various Town personnel, continues to be monitored on an ongoing basis. In 2002, 531 animals were tested for rabies in New Hampshire, with 47 testing positive (1 cat, 1 cow, 2 foxes, 2 bats, 4 woodchucks, 11 skunks, and 26 raccoons), 465 were negative, and 19 deemed unsatisfactory for testing. None of these animals were from the Town of Rye. There were no human cases of rabies in the State in 2002. I urge you to consult your veterinarian concerning vaccination of your domestic animals.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen/Selectwoman, Town personnel and the Citizens of Rye for their cooperation and support. I look forward to a productive 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Ann Snow M.D.
Health Officer

Excerpt from the chapter: THE AIR WILL CURE ALL

Rye on the Rocks, The Tale of a Town, William M. Varrell, 1962

"To just who belongs the title of the original landlord of Rye Beach is a rather difficult decision. Although, the honor is usually bestowed upon Ephraim Philbrick, quite a number of accounts mention that Ephraim got his idea from a cousin, James Philbrick, who took boarders at his home located near the present intersection of Cable Road and Ocean Boulevard, as early as the 1830's. Of special interest at James Philbrick's was his wife said to be affectionately called "Old Lady Philbrick" and known for her famous drop cakes...At any rate, it is known that in the early 1840's the Elder Ephraim Philbrick began taking regular boarders into his home near the boundary of Rye and North Hampton, many of his first guests being merchants who came to Rye shores to buy fish. It was also about this time that doctors, realizing the benefits to be gained from the fresh sea air, began sending their patients to board with the Elder. Patients from Concord, N. H. are said to have been among the first to try this local cure, and among these first Concord patients seeking to regain lost good health was Mrs. Franklin Pierce, wife of the 14th president."

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION'S REPORT

The Rye Historic District Commission was created in 1966 by a Town vote in accordance with procedures authorized by statute RSA 197:a et seq. It is the charge of the Historic District Commission to:

1. Promote the preservation and maintenance of the properties within the District.
2. Insure that new construction and alterations are in harmony within the District.
3. Review the use of land or buildings within the District.

Any visual modifications, improvements, or other changes **must** come before the Commission.

Rye Center lies within the Historic District. It has its own unique history. Any attempt to recreate it as a “typical” New England village would deny its past.

In 2002 a manual was compiled by the Rye Historic District Commission with the approval of the Board of Selectmen. This manual includes pertinent information concerning all aspects of the Rye Historic District. Copies have been distributed to Town Boards, Commissions, Departments, residents, schools, the Rye Historical Society and businesses within the District. A copy is on file at the Public Library and at the Town Museum. Copies may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office or from the Office of the Board of Selectmen.

This fall three signs were erected designating the Rye Center Section of the Historic District. The proposed 2003 Town Budget allows funds for additional signs on Lang Road, The Brackett Massacre Site, the Cable House and Star Island.

Posted meetings are usually held every other month. Public input and interest are always welcome and valued.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Holway, Chairman
Rye Historic District Commission



HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S REPORT ON THE RYE TOWN MUSEUM

We are happy to report to you that the Museum opened to the public on the 4th of July weekend. We were open every Saturday until Christmas. We are using the winter months to work on exhibits and will reopen March 1.

The response to the Museum has been very gratifying to those who have been working to get it open for 5 years. We have had visitors from all corners of the U.S. and even one from England! Lots of local people have come to see what we are doing – some sharing stories and treasures. If you haven't stopped by to see what has been accomplished, you really should!

Unfortunately, there is an area of controversy regarding our possession of the building. The Selectmen had always intended to turn the building over to the Rye Historical Society. The Society had proceeded with stabilization and rehabilitation of the building. We asked for years for written clarification and when it finally came this year, there was an objection from the Planning director. There is a warrant article submitted by the Selectmen asking for the Town to vote for the transfer of the Museum building to the Rye Historical Society. We are hoping for a "YES" vote so that we may finally feel settled.

If the above issue is settled and we actually own the Museum building, we will proceed with our final project – the construction of a handicapped ramp on the side of the building.

As always, we are grateful to our members and friends, and to the Town, for continued enthusiasm and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Goodwin & Alex Herlihy, Co-Chairmen
Rye Historical Society

Right: Bonnie Goodwin (seated) and Alex Herlihy (standing, r.), co-chairmen of the Rye Historical Society and Ralph E. Morang, III, (standing, l.), founding member and head of the Bicentennial Committee in 1976.

The Rye Historical Society was an outgrowth of the bicentennial celebration and has in excess of sixty members and many friends. The Rye Town Museum, product of their labors, will open its doors this spring for its first full season. All are welcome



LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Statistics: **Number of titles owned: 46,891 – Circulation: 93,101 – Number of cardholders: 5016**
 Number of items circulated per cardholder: 18.6
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed: 1483 Loaned: 1202
Titles added: 1764 Adult Programs: 129; Attendance: 2654
Patrons added: 369 Youth Programs: 295; Attendance: 3316
Volunteers hours logged: 1016.5 Meeting Room Use: 238 meetings

It has been another year of significant growth for the Library. We served a total of 5970 citizens of all ages through programming, a 27% growth compared to 2001. The Volunteers, in both the Youth and Adult departments, logged a whopping total of 1016.5 hours this year, an increase of 8% from 2001. Circulation increased to 93,101 items checked out or renewed. This reflects a 13% increase over 2001. In October we marked the largest increase since the 1999 expansion – **up 25%**.

We can attribute much of our growth to the stability and expertise of the staff. For most of 2002 the Adult Services staff consisted of Tricia Quinn, Pam Jautaikis, Nicole Anderson, Julie Doherty and Jonathan Ramsay and the Youth Department staff consisted of Sharon MacDonald and Martha Jones. Julie returned to the library in April as a part-time Circulation Assistant. Brenda Nolette joined us in the Youth Department for the summer. Including the Director, this staff brings a total of 98 years of Library experience to the citizens of Rye. Jim Chase, our custodian and 'Mr. Fix-it', is in his third year of maintaining the grounds and interior of the Library. Nicole Anderson left in November to pursue personal goals. Former Library employee, Marjorie Little, continues to log the highest number of volunteer hours. Trustees, Victor Azzi, David Brown and Kerry Cronin, ably guided the Library.

The Rye Public Library Youth Department saw a very busy and productive year in 2002. Whether it was one of our many outreach programs to the schools or the ongoing programs here, the attendance was great and enthusiasm high. Our teen volunteers did a super job by helping out in a wide variety of jobs. The year of 2002 will be remembered for many reasons – great help, the gingerbread house, the book talks, book discussions and, of course, Storytimes.

The Library receives tremendous support from the citizens of Rye. A special thank you to Friends of the Library for everything they do. The Friends sponsored five successful programs of the fourth season of the Speaker Series, coordinated the teaching of nine computer courses, held the annual Book and Bake Sale in July and donated funds to the Library. The Library honors our 20+ volunteers with a luncheon each spring. In 2002 an average of 19.5 hours each week were logged by our wonderful Volunteers. The Rye Public Library Fine Arts Committee presented four diverse and exciting exhibits in the Library Meeting Room. Other groups who support our efforts are the Rye Driftwood Garden Club, Rye Women's Association, Rye Lion's Club, the Rye School System and the Town of Rye.

The Library Staff was honored to be the recipient of the Greater Portsmouth Education Partnership Council Quality Partners Award. We were nominated by the faculty of the Rye Junior High School. In September, Tricia Quinn was recognized by the Trustees for 15 years service to the Library, Pam Jautaikis for 10 years and Sharon MacDonald for 5 years.

We thank everyone who helps to make the Rye Public Library a welcoming, diverse and stimulating cultural center for all ages.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Evans, Library Director

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

The year 2002 was yet another in the exciting history of the Rye Public Library. The results of the major expansion/renovation of the library are but a recent memory to some, but continue to garner rave reviews from residents and visitors alike. These visitors now include architects, directors, and trustees from other area towns who are contemplating their own library expansion plans. Rye Patrons and Townspeople, with feelings of comfort and familiarity, have not only become substantially acclimated to the Library's enhanced physical surroundings and resources, but to the ever-expanding array of offerings and programs. The Staff have not only reached a steady-state of organizational stability, but continue to fine-tune the building, its media holdings, and its programmatic offerings. Additional and innovative programs continue to be developed and offered and, measured by the numbers they attract, continue to be well received by Patrons, Townspeople, and other visitors.

In March, the Townspeople elected Kerry Cronin as a new Trustee; she was not only welcomed but has been well integrated as a participating member of the Board of Trustees, along with the two incumbents, David Brown and Victor Azzi. The Trustees continue to work together, constructively representing the interests of the Townspeople as they develop and administer sound public library policy, while providing continuing direction and support to the Library Director, Sherry Evans, and her Staff.

With increasing demand and changing expectations, the Library continues to evolve to meet the needs of the Town through changes in media holdings; increased and varied holdings; internet services; reading groups; instructional courses; and heavily-utilized comfortable sixty-person "**Community Meeting Room**", and the smaller-sized conference room called "**The New Hampshire Room**". Members of the Library Staff continue to work with their counterparts at the Rye Elementary School and the Rye Junior High School to find means to deliver on the promise to conclude the development of a fully-integrated computer-access capability of the catalogue of media holdings of the Town's three libraries to the benefit of all members of the Town.

In September, the Trustees hosted the first annual Retreat of Trustees and Staff. Among other things, the Trustees wish to undertake some long-term planning, and are working to develop a process by which to obtain input and feedback from the Patrons and Residents of the Town. It should be noted that the financial practices of the Library have been found to be impeccable, as underscored by the Town's annual audits.

Staffing of the Library has been held to a constant level. The few changes that have occurred include the return, in April, of Julie Doherty as a part-time Circulation Assistant. Members of the Staff are presently engaged in the process to fill a vacancy created by the recent departure of another part-time Circulation Assistant. Joan Sweeney has become the Library's contracted part-time bookkeeper; she will focus on the Library's financial transactions, and replaces Kathy Benevento who left for other pursuits. Jim Chase, our part-time handyman/custodian, continues to focus on maintaining the Library's building and grounds, as well as in assisting the Staff in the many chores associated with the daily operations of the Library.

The Trustees wish to take this opportunity, again, to thank the *Friends of the Rye Public Library* and the many members of the *Volunteers of the Rye Public Library*; their extensive and priceless support, through their contributions and many hours of service to the Library, result in a wide variety of special programs and activities that would not be available otherwise.

Again, the year 2002 was a year of great accomplishment, satisfaction, and stability for the Rye Public Library. In no small measure this is the result of the generous and steadfast support of the Townspeople, the Taxpayers, the Patrons, a dedicated Staff and Director, and a committee and involved Board of Trustees who continue to feel honored to serve the Town and its Residents. Your Library is a **Gem**. We thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Azzi, Chairman of the Board

MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION'S REPORT

Much of the discussion during Mosquito Control Commission meetings in 2002 centered on the close proximity of West Nile Virus infected birds. Several positive tests were reported in southeast New Hampshire prompting inquiries to the Commission and Rye's Public Health Officer. Though no positive tests were recorded from dead birds in Rye, the Commission will continue to monitor state and local occurrences. The Commission's 2002 budget did contain funds to increase adulticiding activities should conditions warrant though the expenditure was not necessary. The 2003 budget also contains this precautionary item.

For the most part the summer season was dry and limited breeding in areas which are normally heavily infested. Many of the "hot spots" requiring additional attention from the contractor were the result of salt water marsh mosquitoes.

The mosquito control program in Rye utilized larviciding, adulticiding and biological applications. During 2003 the Commission hopes to add salt water marsh restoration to its arsenal by completing work on a project begun in 1998 on the Fairhill salt marsh. The completion of this project requires the approval of several interested parties as well as grant generated funding. Though these hurdles remain, the Commission remains confident the work will resume. Completion of this restoration work should significantly reduce breeding habitat and the use of larvicides in the area.

Mosquito control in Rye will also benefit from the implementation of an extensive program in the Town of North Hampton. Mosquitoes are mobile animals and many of the problems experienced along our southern border were due to mosquitoes bred outside town limits. The North Hampton program should help this situation.

The Commission will continue to investigate and implement procedures that inform, educate and assist our residents in our seasonal war on mosquitoes.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Curry, Chairman

***Summer by the Sea, The Golden Era of Victorian Beach Resorts*, William M. Varrell, 1972**

"Probably the era can best be summarized by an article in the August 24, 1872 issue of *Harper's Weekly*, the most popular social journal of the day.

It comes every summer, the frantic rush into the country to exchange the hot pavement, the sultry streets, the noise and dust of the city, for the.....charms of country life.

There is a great deal of fallacy in the idea of country coolness in summer. Many discover that they exchange their commodious city houses with large airy rooms, the convenience of water and gas and other modern improvements for low studded rooms, wretchedly furnished which store up so much heat during the day that they take all night to cool off.

While too often breezes are mythical, the dust is overpowering and the woods alive with ravenous flies and mosquitoes. The poetry of country life exists, indeed chiefly in the imagination, except where there is sufficient wealth to ingraft city conveniences upon the rural retreat."

Author's note: It is assumed by this and other similar social reporting "that Rye innkeepers didn't understand the common custom of treating social columnists to room and board."

PLANNING BOARD'S REPORT

We praise and thank our volunteers who donate hours of personal time to continue to learn about protecting and preserving our environment while reviewing applicant's plans for conformity with our existing regulations. Each new member brings with him or her a wealth of experience that has provided benefits and opportunities for our residents.

This past year we resolved White Horse Farms subdivision. This 15-lot subdivision is one of the largest subdivisions the town has seen in several years. The Planning Board reduced the number of proposed lots through creative conditions that will protect the quality of Berry's Brook and other precious natural resources.

Several other applications were heard and approved by the Board. Hemingway's was approved for condominiums, the Surf Club replaced the Pirates Cove Restaurant, Rosewood of Rye continued improvements, and the Rye Airfield continued to present a plan for a summer camp. The Ice House recently added a storage facility and also expanded their floor space to allow for interior restrooms and a friendlier environment, the Wentworth By The Sea Country Club was approved to build indoor tennis courts with a new indoor driving range and fitness area. A few lot line adjustments were approved to make non-conforming lots more conforming.

We appreciate all the residents' efforts in completing the Rye Opinion Survey this past spring. Many good ideas were born from this town-wide effort. Several committees were formed including Senior Issues, Open Space, and Land Use.

We hope these committees will continue to utilize existing talents and resources and develop new programs and ideas that will assist the community in reaching its "vision" of Rye.

Our appreciation extends to Anne-Michele Scannel for preparing minutes and attending all meetings to help facilitate the process, and to Michael Donovan, Planning Board advisor, for all his hard work and efforts to protect Rye.

With regrets in December we lost Jim Irish due to conflicts with his work schedule and appreciate his efforts chairing the Technical Review Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Loring, Chairman
Robert Brown, Vice Chairman
Jim Irish
Robert Papp
Priscilla Patrick
Kim Reed, Clerk
Priscilla Jenness, Selectmen's Representative

Alternates
William Zechel
Judy Sponaugle
Gary Dodds

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

The Rye Police Department experienced some significant changes in personnel this year. Sergeant Randy Tompkins retired on December 31, 2002 after serving for 25 years as a full-time officer and 2 years as a part-time officer. Randy was our detective, juvenile officer, school liaison, armorer, and firearms instructor. We are very fortunate that Randy has chosen to end his career much as he began it, as a part-time Rye Police Officer. This will allow us to draw on his expertise as he continues to serve the community on a part-time basis.

Officer David Blanding left the Department after 2 ½ years to become a Public Safety Officer in New Castle. This was a position created just for David that has him working 3 shifts as a fire lieutenant and 2 shifts as a police officer. David has opted to stay with us as a part-time officer. Matthew Boc of Dover was appointed as a full-time police officer in late December and he is currently attending the 12-week Police Academy in Concord. Matthew has an excellent background and a terrific personality so we believe he will make an excellent addition to our team. William Blais was appointed as a part-time officer in the spring after working in our Parking Enforcement program for 2 years.

The Police Department continued its emphasis on high visibility patrols. We firmly believe that this philosophy helps us to keep our streets and neighborhoods safe. If you have been one of the many people stopped on our roads for a motor vehicle violation, please understand that we are just doing our part to keep the community safe. We think that one tangible result of this tactic is that we have not had a "forced entry" burglary in more than a year. All of the 9 burglaries reported to us in 2002 involved entries made through unlocked doors and windows. I am happy to report that most of these burglaries have been solved with the burglars now sitting in jail awaiting trial or serving their sentences. The 9 burglaries reported in 2002 are a 50% reduction over the 18 burglaries reported in 2001.

A synopsis of other activities for 2002 is as follows:

Calls for service:	7013	Animal Control calls:	430
Motor vehicle stops:	2615	911 hang-up calls:	129
Warnings:	2302	Medical Aid calls:	319
Summonses:	272	Domestics:	80
Arrests:	131	Juvenile offenses:	20
Accidents:	141	Suspicious activity:	257
Alarms:	323		

Parking fines collected: \$25,495

Respectfully submitted,

Alan S. Gould
Chief of Police

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Significant roadwork was completed in 2002 thanks in part to the light 2001/2002 winter season.

The redesign and reconstruction of a dangerous West Road corner was one of the larger projects and included moving a stone wall, removing and replacing a number of trees, and relocating the poles for electric and telephone lines. Many days were spent breaking up old pavement and repaving on Washington Road, Perkins Road, Clark Road, McLaughlin Drive and Foster Circle.

A great deal of effort has gone into drainage projects over the past few years in an attempt to minimize the damage done to our roads by water. Water, which sits on or under a road, can destroy it in less than a year. In the winter it freezes and causes the pavement to heave and crack. Once this occurs it must be replaced. With the number of roads we have in Rye, continued preventive attention will be required. In 2002 we did drainage work on Brackett Road, Perkins Road, Bernard Drive, Baker Avenue, and Washington Road.

A dozen older, large trees were removed with our help this year and we expect this work to grow in the coming years as more reach maturity.

At the recycling center, we installed a new roof on one of the storage sheds and improved drainage in the area of the wood chips. Recycling, along with housekeeping and maintenance of equipment kept the entire crew there busy. **We set another record for recycled tonnage this year. Your efforts prevented a total of 922.73 tons of recyclable materials from entering the waste stream. With a Turnkey Landfill charge of \$66.34 per ton, this translates into a saving of \$61,213.91.**

Heading into 2003, we had a number of small 1" to 2" storms. These actually helped to prepare us for what was to come. The new sanders and improved controls are making our job easier. Our first concern is for safety, and keeping the roads plowed and sanded our priority. We have already had in excess of 33 inches of snow this season. Significant man hours and materials have been expended maintaining the roadways and the recycling center. To date, the recycling center has been able to remain open through it all.

We accomplished a lot this past year and were able to once again remain within our budget. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire public works team for all their hard work in 2002 and we would like to thank you for your support and cooperation this past year. We look forward to continuing to serve you in 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Everett E. "Bud" Jordan, Director
Public Works Department

RYE RECREATION COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The Recreation Department had another terrific year in 2002. The Department had in excess of 2000 residents overall participate in programs such as yoga, winter day camp, meet and greet, cooking classes, basketball, basketball camp, golf lessons, lacrosse, lacrosse camp, ski/snowboard lessons, soccer, soccer camp, summertime horizons, tennis lessons, walking club, babysitters course and speaker series.

The After School Program continues to grow, with over 60 registered participants. In 2003, the program budget will become part of the Recreation Revolving Fund. Enrollment for the 11:10 a.m. – 2:40 p.m. session, servicing the needs of children in morning kindergarten, doubled in 2002.

Rye Art in Bloom is a spectacular display of flower arrangements interpreting selected works of local art. This year the event succeeded in stimulating interest in flower arranging, sharing the talents of local artists, and fostering community relationships. It is organized by the Recreation Department, Webster at Rye, Rye Driftwood Garden Club, and Rye Art Study Group. Other events sponsored by the Recreation Department in 2002 include the Memorial Day Celebration, Independence Day Celebration, and TV Turnoff Week Games Night.

The Recreation Department raised \$194,558 in program fees in 2002, which is 72% of the Department's expenditures. Our dedicated sponsors and volunteers were instrumental in supporting the various programs.

The town has generously supported funding the much needed rebuilding of the recreation area over the past couple of years. The field reconstruction project is almost complete, including improved drainage and fields layout. In the spring of 2003, the remaining general earthwork, loam and seed, erosion control and work specific to the baseball field will be completed. The fields will not be available for use until fall of 2003. The Flash Jenness Memorial Little League Field also had some improvements in 2002. Safety coil was installed and the fence was raised from home base to first and third bases. The Recreation House is being used year round to support different programs and meetings.

The Town of Rye has an established tennis program and is unable to meet public demand. In April, 2002, the Recreation Commission met with the public and discussed the interest in and possibility of building tennis courts in Rye. At that meeting, a subcommittee of interested citizens was formed to investigate the issue further. This subcommittee has worked diligently to establish community support, identify a location, and project cost. They have prepared a Petitioned Warrant Article for the 2003 Deliberative Session.

The Recreation Commission is a voluntary board that meets monthly. Meetings are open to the public and your attendance is welcomed. Current Commissioners are: Chick Hayden, Past Chairman, Steve McBride, Paul Mackey, Vicki Loring, Dr. Harold Hoefle, Steven King, and Gregg Mikolaities, Chairman. Department full-time staff includes: Lee Arthur, Recreation Director, Jessica Dickey, Program Director, and Nicole Duffett, Assistant Program Director.

This past year we had over 100 volunteers assisting the delivery of programs and services. Their support is greatly appreciated and needed. Our appreciation is also extended to the Rye School Board as well as the staff at both schools. They have been instrumental in enabling us to meet our facility and program needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg M. Mikolaities, Chairman
Rye Recreation Commission

SEWER COMMISSION'S REPORT

The Sewer Commission's responsibilities include operation, maintenance, billing and administration of the Rye Sewer Commission. The Commission has the sole responsibility for any extensions and/or expansions of the sewer into other areas of the Town. All expansions must be approved by the legislative body, which consists of the voting citizens of Rye before they can receive final approval.

In the year 2002 the Commission held twelve (12) public Commission meetings. The Commission normally meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. upstairs in the Sewer Dept. office at Town Hall.

The Town currently maintains 517 sewer customers including 7 new connections in 2002. Inspections at our three pumping stations are performed daily to insure that no interruptions or excessive costs are incurred in maintaining sewer operations.

In September of 2002 our water company provider changed from Hampton Water Company to Aquarion Water Company with corporate offices located in Connecticut. We have encountered some "kinks" in their new software program, which we use for quarterly billings. If any of our customers have noticed some discrepancies in their most recent 4th quarter billing for 3rd quarter usage, we apologize for the inconvenience. Any billing errors will be adjusted accordingly as we work out the software "kinks" in our computer program.

During this past September we also experienced a change in personnel. Our former Administrative Assistant resigned for personal reasons. Christina (Tina) Lear was hired in September and we are very pleased to have her working for us. Please do not hesitate to call Tina with any questions/concerns. We welcome your input. She is available Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon and you may leave a voice message at any time of the day as well.

The Commission members are as follows:

William J. Ladrie	Chairman of the Rye Sewer Commission
Leon H. Valley	Vice-Chairman of the Rye Sewer Commission
David Kohlhase	Commissioner
Walter J Parenteau	Clerk-of-the-Works
Christina L. Lear	Administrative Assistant

We look forward to providing our sewer customers with the best, most cost efficient service possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina L. Lear for the
Rye Sewer Commissioners

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT REPORT
(53-B)**

**Brentwood * Fremont * Hampton * Hampton Falls * Kensington * New Castle
North Hampton * Rye * Sandown * South Hampton**

This was the eleventh year that the District has conducted the Household Hazardous Waste program for member towns. Two separate collections were conducted: Hampton in the Spring and Brentwood in the Fall. The collection in Hampton was held the second Saturday in May. A total of 383 cars attended the collection representing 385 households. On September 7, 2002, the collection was held in Brentwood for the third time. A total of 109 cars attended representing 136 households. The total cost of both collections was \$24,700. The per household cost for Hampton was \$48.80, and the per household cost for Brentwood was \$46.67. A grant from the State of New Hampshire, based on the population of the District member towns, in the amount of \$3,450 helped to offset the costs. The remainder was paid out of District funds that had been budgeted for this purpose.

Based on the continued positive response received regarding these collections, the SRRDD committee feels they are a vital function of the District and should continue. Citizens in our member municipalities continue to become more educated about household hazardous waste, have become more familiar with the collections, and are willing to participate. The District has budgeted funds in the 2003/2004 Budget to hold collections in the spring and fall of 2003. As is our custom, every three years we go out for bid for our collections. RPF's have been mailed to certified household hazardous waste collectors for this purpose.

The District continued its Recycling Grant Program for education and public relations. Member towns, which applied for grants were: Fremont (\$1,143.53); Kensington (\$411.54); North Hampton (\$1,000) and Rye (\$2,572.03)*. Recycling education grants will again be awarded to District member towns in 2003.

Brentwood, Fremont, Hampton, Hampton Falls, New Castle, North Hampton, Rye, Sandown, and South Hampton are currently tipping at Turnkey. In July, the current tipping fee of \$55.69 will be adjusted by the Boston CPI at January 1, 2003.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
SPRING COLLECTION
HAMPTON on SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2003**

Note: The Town of Rye applied for and received a grant from the Southeastern Regional Refuse Disposal District (53-B) in the amount of \$2,572.03 which paid total new signage at the Rye Recycling Center including a new message board.

Respectfully submitted,

Melvin R. Low, Selectmen's Representative
Town of Rye

WELFARE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) 165.1 mandates that welfare must be given to any person in the Town who is unable to support him/her self. As the Welfare Director, I am responsible to the Selectmen (overseers of the poor) and I assist them in administering the fund.

The largest item in the Welfare budget is rent and over \$19,000 was spent for the 2002 year. During the past year, approximately 35 clients were served by this office; some for a one-time emergency and others on a regular basis.

I would like to give a special "Thank you" to Nancy Weiland for her help in assisting clients with applications, fielding questions and setting up appointments. All this above and beyond her regular duties as the Selectmen's Executive Secretary.

Also a "Thank you" to Norma and Larry Severence for their time and generosity in assisting with some of the Town's clients.

Welfare office hours are Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and on an as needed basis during the week. Please call the Selectmen's office to make an appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula S. Snyder, Welfare Director

A glimpse into our past: **Rye on the Rocks, A Tale of a Town** William M. Varrell, 1962

"As a result of the small resemblance to the supermarkets and shopping centers of today, it is rather difficult to identify Rye's first store. Although the goods of the first settlers were drawn from a common storehouse, it was but a short while before each went his own way, each man being generally responsible for the welfare of himself and his own family.....

Rye's first sophisticated commerce apparently centered around local inns, the first being operated by Benjamin Scadgel. It was in 1702, only ten years after the Brackett Massacre, that by order of Her Majesty the Queen Anne, Scadgel was granted property at the present intersection of Sagamore and Wallis Roads. He is said to have operated a tavern here from 1702 until 1755 when he sold his property to Ebenezer Wallis.

One of Rye's first stores as we know them today was operated by Joseph Parsons, son of Joseph Parsons, a Captain in the Revolutionary War. Stories indicate that business involved great risks at this time as a result of the general depreciation of currency at the end of the Revolutionary War. In an attempt to halt further inflation, the merchants of Portsmouth and surrounding towns sought to fix the price of certain commodities and not raise them for a month. However, in spite of their efforts, the state of currency grew worse each month. In January 1780, corn was \$15.00 per bushel, and seven months later \$50.00 for the same amount.....The soldiers returning from the War after being paid in currency were of course among the worst off financially."

TOWN OFFICES AND SERVICES

HOURS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Assessor's Office	Selectmen's Hours
Building Inspector:	
Building, Planning, Zoning Office	8:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Afternoons by appointment	
Library:	
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Public Works Director: Monday – Friday	6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Recycling Center & Brush (CLOSED MONDAY)	
Recycling Area: Tuesday-Saturday	7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Brush Dump (TUES. & SAT. ONLY)	7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Recreation Director	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Selectmen's Office: Monday – Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Fridays only	8:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Sewer Commission: Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Town Administrator: Monday – Friday	Selectmen's Hours
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Treasurer: Tuesday & Thursday	2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Notices for Selectmen's meetings and meetings of other Town Boards, Commissions and Committees are posted on the Town bulletin board located at Town Hall and on the Rye Post Office bulletin board. Also, postings are included at the Rye Library and on the Rye Website: www.town.rye.nh.us

AMBULANCE-FIRE-POLICE EMERGENCY 911

AMBULANCE OR FIRE EMERGENCY	911 OR 964-8683
Fire Department – Non Emergency.....	964-6411
Fire Department Fax.....	964-9894
POLICE EMERGENCY	911 OR 964-5521
POLICE (ROUTINE CALLS ONLY).....	964-7450
Police Department Fax.....	964-7458

Be sure to give your name and address as well as the nature of your emergency clearly.
DO NOT HANG UP until you are sure that your message has been understood.

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DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORY

Assessing Department.....	964-5523
Building/Planning/Zoning Department.....	964-9800
Building/Planning/Zoning Fax.....	964-2964
Cemetery Superintendent.....	964-6777
Library.....	964-8401
Library Fax.....	964-7065
Public Works.....	964-5300
Public Works Director/ EMERGENCY (Home).....	964-8263
Recreation.....	964-6281
Recycling Center (Recycle or Brush).....	964-5300
Selectmen.....	964-5523
Selectmen Fax.....	964-1516
E-Mail:	nancyw@town.rye.nh.us
Town Website:	www.town.rye.nh.us
Sewer Commission.....	964-6815
Town Administrator.....	964-5523
Town Clerk / Tax Collector.....	964-8562
Town Clerk / Tax Collector Fax.....	964-4132
Treasurer.....	964-8562
Welfare, Overseer of Public.....	964-5523

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